

SYLLABUS
MUAP 2169/2269 – LOW STRING INSTRUMENT (BASS)
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Office Hours: You are welcome to walk in during the hours below, or you can schedule an appointment in-person or virtually:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: 8:00 – 10:00

Purpose of Course:

This course is a thirty- or sixty-minute lesson each week. The student will study etudes, scales, arpeggios, and repertoire specific to acoustic and electric bass. Through this study, the student will improve their technique, musical knowledge, tone, aural skills, and musical interpretation.

Required Materials:

The instructor will provide the student with many needed materials. If a specific book is appropriate for a student, the instructor will make the student aware of that during the semester.

Performance Objectives:

MUAP 2169/2269 is a private acoustic and/or electric bass lesson for music majors and non-music majors as an elective. Material covered will include fundamental techniques such as proper hand positions and movements, tone production, fundamentals of standard music notation related to the bass, scales, arpeggios, chords, and performance of the assigned musical literature. The student is expected to show marked improvement in these areas during each semester of study.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all lessons in order to be successful in the course.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up missed work. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first day of class.

General Course Information:

The student is expected to be prepared for each lesson and to progress at his or her own rate throughout the semester. Music majors are required to attend recitals as required by the Fine Arts Department.

Grading:

The final grade will be based on attendance, a weekly grade from each lesson, a mid-term exam, and a final exam representing the material covered in the lessons. Music majors will be required to meet the Recital Attendance/ Performance requirements for each semester of enrollment in private lessons. See below for more details.

Recital Attendance:

The student is required to attend recitals as follows: every Thursday afternoon student recital and 75% of other evening recitals, such as faculty / guest artist recitals, jazz band / symphonic band concerts, and choir concerts. Your recital attendance slips of each recital will be collected by a stage crew after the recitals.

The student will be penalized as follows for failing to meet this requirement.

The student's private lesson grade in his/her principal applied area will be lowered by one letter grade for every Thursday afternoon recital missed. Additionally, if the student attends fewer than the required 75% of evening recitals, the private lesson grade will be lowered for every missed recital under the 75%. Whether or not an absence is excused, will be determined by the student's studio teacher.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

The last day to withdraw/drop with a grade of "W" is Thursday, 3 December. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from this course. Otherwise, students will be assigned their earned letter grade at the end of the course. Course averages will be updated each week, and guidance will be provided throughout the term to help students decide whether they need to drop the class or not. For more information regarding drops/withdrawals, please visit: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/apply/schedulechanges.php>.

HEALTH INFORMATION

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

COVID-19

For information and resources about COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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