

SYLLABUS FOR GUITAR ENSEMBLE APPM 390 Fall, 2008
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OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this course are to develop ensemble and sight-reading skills.

PERFORMANCES:

- Sunday, November 23 at 4pm in the Concert Hall. There will be a rehearsal at 2:30pm on stage prior to the performance
- Friday, December 5 at 8pm in the Concert Hall for the annual Music for the Holidays benefit for the Hospital Hospitality House. **Set-up will be at 7pm.**

In addition, there will be a mandatory rehearsal with the VCU Community Guitar Ensemble on Sunday, November 16, at 4pm in the Recital Hall.

Only a doctor's note will be accepted for an absence from a performance or the mandatory rehearsal. Any absence from a performance or the mandatory rehearsal will result in a grade of "F" for the semester.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THIS COURSE:

- classical guitar (in tune)
- footstool or A-frame
- music in a black folder
- pencil and Scotch tape
- music stand
- working metronome

CONCERT ATTIRE:

Men: black tuxedo with black dress shoes

Women: black blouse, black pants, and black dress shoes

ATTENDANCE:

The student is allowed one cut. For each unexcused cut, the final grade will drop one letter grade. Students are expected to be on time; the grade will be lowered for tardiness.

GRADING:

Grading will be based on attendance, preparedness, and performance. The instructor has the authority to request any student not performing up to expectation withdraw from the class. **Any absence from a performance or the mandatory rehearsal will result in a grade of "F" for the semester.**

Students weak in sight-reading will be required to work with one of the advanced guitarists in the ensemble. Attendance, preparedness, and overall improvement for these remedial sight-reading sessions will be factored into the final grade.

All students in this course must abide by the VCU Honor Code.

Student Professional Conduct Policy

The university has adopted rules and procedures to be followed whenever a member of the university community is charged with willful violation of certain standards. The School of the Arts, as an integral part of the university, is bound by these university rules. Action in relation to misconduct (by student or faculty member), which is covered by university policy is spelled out in the [Resource Guide](http://www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/conductguide.html) (<http://www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/conductguide.html>).

The School of the Arts demands a standard of behavior consistent with the expectations of professional practice. An incident may occur that appears to be a serious breach of professional ethics, although it is not covered within university standards. These behaviors include unethical, unprofessional or other behavior not consonant with the standards of the profession.