MUEN 1152/63201 Digital Chamber Ensemble
SPRING 2015
1/27/15 – 5/14/15

Meeting Time: TR 3:30 – 4:50pm
Credit Hours: 1 Semester Hours
Prerequisites: NONE
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Course Materials/Supplies Needed
Repertoire selected according to the ensemble’s needs. Music must be purchase or ordered as soon as we have picked out repertoire. A metronome is required for practice time.

State Requirements:
Intellectual Competencies
This course reinforces all six of the Core Curriculum Intellectual Competencies defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Intellectual Competencies:**

1. **READING:** Reading at the college level means the ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials--books, articles and documents. A core curriculum should offer students the opportunity to master both general methods of analyzing printed materials and specific methods for analyzing the subject matter of individual disciplines.
2. **WRITING:** Competency in writing is the ability to produce clear, correct and coherent prose adapted to purpose, occasion, and audience. Although correct grammar, spelling and punctuation are each a sine qua non in any composition, they
do not automatically ensure that the composition itself makes sense or that the writer has much of anything to say. Students need to be familiar with the writing process including how to discover a topic and how to develop and organize it, how to phrase it effectively for their audience. These abilities can be acquired only through practice and reflection.

3. **SPEAKING**: Competence in speaking is the ability to communicate orally in clear, coherent and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, occasion and audience. Developing this competency includes acquiring poise and developing control of the language through experience in making presentations to small groups, to large groups and through the media.

4. **LISTENING**: Listening at the college level means the ability to analyze and interpret various forms of spoken communication.

5. **CRITICAL THINKING**: Critical thinking embraces methods of applying both qualitative and quantitative skills analytically and creatively to subject matter in order to evaluate arguments and to construct alternative strategies. Problem solving is one of the applications of critical thinking, used to address an identified task.

6. **COMPUTER LITERACY**: Computer Literacy at the college level means the ability to use computer-based technology in communicating, solving problems and acquiring information. Core-educated students should have an understanding of the limits, problems and possibilities associated with the use of technology and should have the tools necessary to evaluate and learn new technologies as they become available.

**Exemplary Educational Objectives**

The objective of including the study of the humanities and visual and performing arts in a core curriculum is to expand students’ knowledge of the human condition and human culture, especially in relation to behaviors, ideas and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought. Through study in disciplines such as literature, philosophy and the visual and performing arts, students will engage in critical analysis, form aesthetic judgments and develop an appreciation of the arts and humanities as fundamental to the health and survival of any society. Students should have experiences in both the arts and humanities.

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1. To demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
2. To understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. To respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.
4. To engage in the creative process or interpretive performance and comprehend the physical and intellectual demands required of the author or visual or performing artist.
5. To articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
6. To develop an appreciation for the aesthetic principles that guide or govern the humanities and arts.
7. To demonstrate knowledge of the influence of literature, philosophy and/or the arts on intercultural experiences.

Course Description:
A group of instrumentalists read and perform literature for small ensembles. The course is a performance/learning opportunity for all students taking private lessons and satisfies ensemble requirements for students concentrating in instrumental performance. This class has an emphasis on digital music using virtual instrument technology. The class will explore all of the capabilities of the iPad to create music virtual instrument software available for the iPad. iPads will be provided for this ensemble. Students interested to be part of this group must have a basic knowledge of music notation and rhythm.

Student Learning Outcomes:
After successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Distinguish among the characteristics of various historical musical style of works performed.
2. Describe the elements of sight reading.
3. Evaluate individual and ensemble performance techniques.
4. Name and describe the contributions of great composers to chamber music.
5. Compare and contrast chamber music literature and effective rehearsal techniques.
6. Develop positive ways to interact with others in creating a final musical product.

Course Content:
Withdrawal Policy (with drop date):
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar's Office by APRIL 16, 2015. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an "F." Students often drop courses when help is available that
would enable them to continue. Please discuss your plans with your instructor if you feel the need to withdraw.
If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped.

STOP BEFORE YOU DROP
For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the Fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career, unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a "W." Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas Public Institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: https://www1.dcccd.edu/6drop

Grading Scale/ Evaluation Procedures:

All students are expected to perform a mid-term and final jury per semester. The pieces must be memorized for the final jury. Your grade will be based on preparation of new material. As well as progress on music we have worked together. Students are welcome to discuss their current grade at any time. Your grade will also be determined by attendance, consistency in preparation for lessons, and performance level in recitals (if applicable).

General grading standards:

A: The student is prepared for lessons and has corrected everything mentioned and worked on in previous lessons.

B: The student is mostly prepared for lessons with the exception of a few aspects of performance being uncorrected.

C: The student consistently needs to be reminded about past mistakes and does not show acceptable progress from week to week.

D: The student does not show much progress from week to week and has not prepared the assignment completely.

F: The student does not show any progress, does not complete assignments, and frequently misses lessons.

Note: Students are required to attend all piano performances by other students, faculty and guess pianists. Failure to attend these performances will affect your final grade.

The breakdown for grading will be as follows:

| Preparation and performances: | 80% |
| Jury | 20% |

Late Work Policy: NONE
Makeup Exam Policy: The instructor does not accept late work nor makeup tests.

Cell phones, electronic devices and pagers:
Students are expected to turn off all cell phones, electronic devices and pagers during class time.

Instructor Attendance Policy:
Students are expected to attend all classes. Students have the responsibility to attend class and to consult with the instructor when an absence occurs. If for some reason you must leave class early, you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class of your reason for leaving early.

Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses.

Repeating This Course:
Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition.

Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/ss/oe/third_attempt.cfm.

Financial Aid:
Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending by the certification date. For this lecture class, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date, will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses. Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

If you are receiving financial aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds.

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI)
The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a statewide program designed to ensure that students enrolled in Texas public colleges and universities have the basic academic skills needed to be successful in college-level course work. The TSI requires assessment, remediation (if necessary), and advising of students who attend a public college or university in the state of Texas. The program assesses a student's basic academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Passing the assessment is a prerequisite for enrollment in many college level classes. Students who do not meet assessment standards may complete prerequisite requirements by taking developmental courses in the deficient area and passing them with a grade of C or higher. Additional information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0506/admiss/tsi_requirements.cfm.

Academic Honesty:
Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0406/ss/code.cfm.

**ADA Statement:**
Mountain View College and the Office of Special Services are committed to upholding the laws and the spirit of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed in 1990.

**Religious Holidays:**
Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

**Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus:**
The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.

**Inclement Weather Statement:**
In the event of severe weather conditions, please listen to local radio or television stations for information concerning official closing of Mountain View College facilities. You can also call the inclement weather hotline at 214-860-8888, or check for updates on this web site. Decisions for evening classes will be made by 4:00 pm.