Objective: The purpose of this course is to present the basics of classical guitar technique and note reading. Other topics discussed will be basic chords and progressions, common strumming patterns and scales. This is a “hands on” course. There will be no written work. We will be practicing in class as a group and individually. A minimum of 30 minutes of practice per day outside of class is expected.

Required Materials: An acoustic guitar in good working order (A nylon string guitar is preferred)

An extra set of strings

A classical guitar footrest

A notebook and pencil

Recommended Materials: An electronic tuner

A metronome

Grading Policy: Attendance/participation 80% (after four unexcused absences a letter grade will be dropped for each absence)

Midterm Exam 10% (performance of a piece of music)

Final Exam 10% (performance of a piece of music)
Campus Statements:

ADVISING

The college of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203e, and can be reached at 825-3466.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. IF you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361)825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361)825-5816.

GRADE APPEAL PROCESS

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.c2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal.

A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. IF the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the student may take the steps below.

1. Presentation of grievance to instructor. (This step must be taken within fourteen calendar days after the beginning of the next term.
2. Appeal to department chair or area coordinator.
3. Written appeal to the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
4. Preliminary review and advising by an ombudsman appointed by the Provost.
5. Submission of file by department chair to the chair of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
6. Review of file by committee chair and submission of case to committee.
7. Proceedings of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
   (Committee holds hearing, reviews data, presents findings to all parties, and makes recommendation to Provost.)
8. Decision by Provost.
9. Final appeal in writing to the Provost if student or instructor thinks appropriate procedures have not been followed.

For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.c2, Student Grade appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.c2.01, University Rules Website at http://www.tamuic.deu/provost/universit_rules/index.htm.

For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.