Course Description:
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.

Student Learning Outcomes:
Students will learn the basics of guitar playing in several
different styles. They will also learn note reading, basic
chords and scales.

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)

Course Outline:

Week 1: Note reading strings 1 and 2, Finger Exercises
Week 2: Note reading string 3, and Finger picking
Week 3: Group performances
Week 4: Note reading string 4
Week 5: Review
Week 6: Group Performances
Week 7: Test 1 (10% of grade)
Week 8: Chords Key of A
Week 9: Note reading string 5
Week 10: Chords Key of G
Week 11: Review
Week 12: Chords Key of E
Week 13: Chords Key of D and Scale playing
Week 14: Review
Week 15: Test 2 (10% of grade)

GRADE APPEALS PROCESS
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, 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. 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 Procedure.
13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught or the Office of the Provost. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at: http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.c0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

DISABILITY SERVICES
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 Corpus Christi Hall, Room #116. 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.

DROPPING A CLASS
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. April 10th will be the last date to drop your class and receive a “W”. 