

Music 1700 – Guitar Instruction Minor Study

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Class Description:

The objective of minor study for guitar is to teach the basics of guitar performance for “pick-style” playing (not classical or “finger style”).

Topics Include Basics Such As:

Holding the instrument, parts of the instrument, basic right and left Hand Technique, simple harmony, introductory music reading, and song accompaniment

And May Include Advanced Skills:

Learning the fret board, advanced chords/harmony, introduction to improvisational techniques

Lesson materials draw on “Berklee Basic Guitar, Phase One”, or “Guitar Smart” by Jeffrey George, or "Guitar Foundations" and "Basic Harmony" by Luke Brouillette.

Students are graded on their ability to learn pre-designed sets of skills as appropriate for the skill level of each individual student.

What Students Need:

1. Guitar – instruments are not provided by the school. Most students study successfully using a “steel-string acoustic” or other acoustic style of guitar. If you would like to use your electric guitar it’s not a problem but we cannot provide any amplification for you.
2. Book – “Guitar Foundations” is available from “The Ink Spot”. Just ask them for the music 1700 guitar book and have them print on 3-hole binder paper. (About \$15)
3. Binder – to put your book in. A ½” 3-ring binder works great.
4. Other books are available through amazon.com.
5. You may also want to use a strap for your guitar and an inexpensive electronic tuner is also very helpful.

Grades are based on 50% completing assignments and 50% class attendance.