



MUS 149, 151, & 351 Minor Applied Organ Course Syllabus: Spring/2024

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course Description

Hours: 1

One to four semester hours. (1, 2) Private instruction for music majors in organ. The course includes recitals and performance forums with teacher-directed student evaluations and instructions. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites: Fluency in music reading and basic keyboard skills are essential before beginning organ study. Undergraduate non-keyboard music majors must satisfy all keyboard proficiency requirements before registering for this course.

Student Learning Outcomes

-The purpose of minor applied organ lessons is:

1. To equip the student with a command of traditional legato manual techniques.
2. To provide the student with a fluent, facile pedal technique.
3. To introduce beginning exercises in coordination of manual and pedal playing.
4. To introduce the student to legato organ repertory.
5. To provide the student with a basic vocabulary of registration and organ terminology.
6. To introduce advanced students to basic hymn playing.

Required Textbook

George H. Ritchie and George B. Stauffer, Organ Technique Modern and Early, Oxford University Press, New York, 2000.

Recommended Course Materials

Organ Shoes: Suitable shoes can be ordered at www.organmastershoes.com. Other options include organ shoes by Avriel. Students who do not have organ shoes by the third week will not be able to continue lessons. If you have any problems with your order, please notify your instructor ASAP.

Course Requirements

Weekly Lessons

1. At the end of each lesson, you and your teacher will agree on work to be accomplished in the following week. Please be prepared to present specified work in lessons.
2. Lessons are 30 minutes long, depending on the number of credit hours taken.
3. Practice Expectations: Students who register for one credit hour are expected to practice at least 1 hour a day, six days a week. Students who register for two credit hours are expected to practice 2 hours a day.
4. All students will complete a written quiz on basic organ concepts and terminology, which will be part of the weekly lesson grade.

Grading

Weekly Lessons: 35%

Written quiz: 15%

Final Jury Grade: 50%

Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100% / B = 80 to 89% / C = 70 to 79% / D = 60 to 69% / F = 59 and below

Course and University Procedures / Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

Attendance Policy

Make-up lessons will be arranged only for excused absences (medical/family emergencies or performance schedule conflicts). Please inform your teacher at least 24 hours before your lesson time or call if you cannot come within the day. Unexcused absences will count as 5% of your weekly grade.

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures: [Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 903-886-5150, 903-886—5835; email studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu; online at [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#); or in-person in Room 162 of the Velma K. Waters Library.

Tenets of Common Behavior

All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook);

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to <http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedure s/>

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