

Chamber Music Syllabus  
MUS 100H 002

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**MUSIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT**

The Music Department of Texas A&M University-Commerce promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES**

- Exhibit accurate individual, sectional and ensemble intonation and rhythm along with fundamental and advanced instrumental techniques while performing a varied repertoire of music within the ensemble;
- Perform expressively a varied repertoire of music representing styles and diverse cultures within the ensemble;
- Utilize standard musical terminology to describe intervals, music notation, chord structure, rhythm/meter, harmonic texture, form, and music symbols and terms referring to dynamics, tempo, and articulation;
- Utilize problem-solving skills to identify and correct problems with pitch, rhythm/meter, articulation, phrasing, and dynamics within a rehearsal setting.

## GRADING

You will receive a numerical grade based on your preparation for rehearsals and your performance.

Each component of your lesson will be scored in the following manner:

### SCORE

- 95-100 - Assignment was **thoroughly mastered**: no mistakes or other problems evident
- 90-95 - Assignment was **nearly mastered**: a few minor mistakes encountered
- 85-90 - Assignment **fairly successful**: a few passages/concepts require more attention
- 80-85 - Assignment **needs improvement**: several passages/concepts that required more attention - may be reassigned
- 75-80 - Assignment shows **minimal success**: several concepts simply not mastered - will be reassigned
- 70-75 - Assignment **not adequately prepared**: several concepts not performable *AND* apparently no attempts made to “figure it out” - will be reassigned
- 65 - **No practice or improvement evident**: will be reassigned

*Arriving late for a rehearsal or failing to bring all required material will automatically lower your grade for that rehearsal by 10 points.*

## STUDENT CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONALISM

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment (see *Student Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct.*) Your behavior as a performer or audience member reflects directly on the studio, the Department of Music, and the University. You are expected to act in a professional manner while performing or attending any public event associated with the University. Unnecessary talking, rude behavior, or disruptive conduct during performances (this includes *between pieces and during set changes*) will not be tolerated by the faculty.

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

**The ability to present yourself as a professional is not magically bestowed upon you at graduation; it is a skill-set that you must develop throughout your academic career. The relationships you establish with faculty and colleagues now can significantly affect your future. *The professor reserves the right to dismiss a student from the course and/or request the reduction or revocation of a student’s scholarship award as a result of repeated or egregious unprofessional or illegal activities.***

## **COMMUNICATION**

Email is now an important means of communication within the studio and the Department of Music, so you are expected to check your email regularly and respond promptly when necessary. Missing important announcements, deadlines or events because you fail to check your email regularly is completely unprofessional.

## **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 have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
Gee Library, Room 132  
(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 phone  
(903) 468-8148 fax  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

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/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

### STUDENT CONDUCT

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx).: <http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

### TAMUC ATTENDANCE

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

#### NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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#### STUDENT COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit [www.tamuc.edu/counsel](http://www.tamuc.edu/counsel)