



**MUS 353      Junior Recital**  
**MUS 453      Senior Recital**  
**MUS 553      Graduate Recital**  
**Course Syllabus: Spring 2025**

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**Course Description**

**Junior Recital:** The junior recital is a half-recital (25 minutes of music), typically performed in the junior year. Prerequisite: Successful completion of JLPE and permission of instructor.

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**Senior Recital:** The senior recital is a full-recital (50 minutes of music), typically performed in the senior year. Prerequisite: Successful completion of JLPE, junior recital, and permission of instructor.

**Graduate Recital:** The graduate recital is a full-recital (50-60 minutes of music), typically performed in the second year of graduate study. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

Students will perform standard solo literature in the primary performance medium in a [half / full / graduate] recital (according to times listed above) with appropriate technique and musicianship.

Students will research and write program notes suitable for the program selections and with professional-level writing.

### **Grading Scale**

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

### **Assessments and Grading**

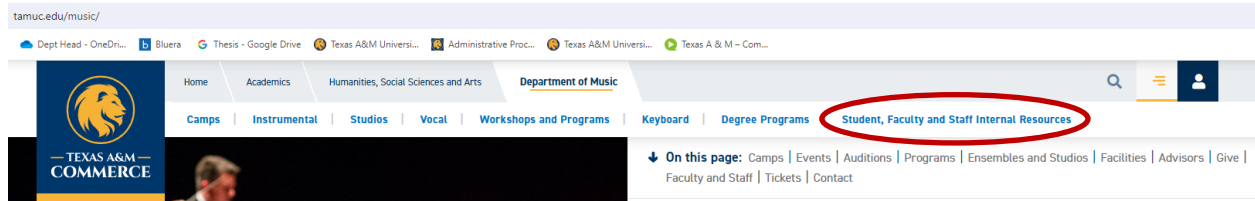
The Recital Rubric will be used for the degree recital. Students will need an overall grade of C or better on the recital to be considered passing. The rubric is published on the music school website.

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Below Expectations	Unsatisfactory
Performance Technique				
Musicianship / Interpretation				
Professionalism / Presence				

### **Recital Scheduling Timeline and Requirements**

The recital scheduling procedure and recital requirements are described in the Music Student Handbook under the School of Music Internal Resources tab of the Music Homepage ([www.tamuc.edu/music](http://www.tamuc.edu/music)).

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As a summary of the process:

1. Consult with your applied instructor
2. Select three possible dates for your recital and recital hearing
3. Submit a signed Recital Scheduling Form to the music office along with your deposit
4. Submit your approved program draft
5. Pass your hearing

Students are responsible for following deadlines and policies, as stated in the Percussion Recital Checklist [HERE](#).

## Course Requirements

### Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Use of the learning management system (D2L); Use of any technology required for your selected performance literature

### Instructional Methods

Recital is a performance-based class connected with your applied lessons. In addition, you will be required to complete the required recital request forms and submit your completed program in a timely manner.

### Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success

As you practice your music, don't let the administrative or paper-work details of your recital slip up on you. See the information below, in the student handbook, and communicate with your applied instructor to ensure you submit your recital scheduling forms, hearing forms and program information in a timely manner.

### Required Textbooks/Music

You must obtain original copies of all music to be performed for the recital, and provide music for your accompanist if applicable.

### Additional Materials

All specialized instruments, equipment, technology or other materials required for your selected performance literature.

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## **COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES**

### **Course Specific 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 and Engagement Policy**

Regular and prompt attendance and active engagement in the class is expected. The student's attendance grade is calculated by the number of times present divided by the total number of class meetings. Students who do not attend but are present in the discussion, or attend class without their instruments may not receive attendance at the discretion of the instructor.

#### **Late Assignments or Work**

Recital scheduling is on a first-come-first-served basis. Failure to submit your forms on time may mean you will not get your preferred date, or may result in a delay of your recital date. In addition, failure to submit your program information by the required deadline may result in a penalty.

#### **Use of Computers and Cell Phones**

Keep your cell phone silenced during your private lessons and during any conversation with applied faculty or office staff regarding scheduling your recital.

### **University Specific Procedures**

#### **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](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

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

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

### **Academic Integrity**

Students at East Texas A&M 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>

### **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](mailto:studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu); online at [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#); or in-person in Room 162 of the Velma K. Waters Library.

### **Nondiscrimination Notice**

East Texas A&M 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.

### **Counseling Center at East Texas A&M**

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, 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).

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a

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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 East Texas A&M Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

### LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements:

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

[https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser\\_support.htm](https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm)

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

### ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or [helpdesk@tamuc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamuc.edu).

**Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary

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use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

## **UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT**

### **Technical Support**

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

### **East Texas A&M Supports Students' Mental Health**

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