

**SYLLABUS**  
**MUAP 1169/1269 – LOW STRING INSTRUMENT (BASS)**  
**FALL 2022**

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**Office Hours:** You are welcome to walk in during the hours below, or you can schedule an appointment in-person or virtually:

Monday: 2:30 – 4:30

Tuesday: 11:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 2:00

Wednesday: 3:30 – 4:30

Thursday: 11:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 2:00

Friday: 10:00 – 12:00

**Purpose of Course:**

This course is a thirty- or sixty-minute lesson each week. The student will study etudes, scales, arpeggios, and repertoire specific to acoustic and electric bass. Through this study, the student will improve their technique, musical knowledge, tone, aural skills, and musical interpretation.

**Required Materials:**

The instructor will provide the student with many needed materials. If a specific book is appropriate for a student, the instructor will make the student aware of that during the semester.

**Performance Objectives:**

MUAP 1169/1269 is a private acoustic and/or electric bass lesson for music majors and non-music majors as an elective. Material covered will include fundamental techniques such as proper hand positions and movements, tone production, fundamentals of standard music notation related to the bass, scales, arpeggios, chords, and performance of the assigned musical literature. The student is expected to show marked improvement in these areas during each semester of study.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend all lessons in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up missed work. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first day of class.

Students who enroll in a course but have “Never Attended” by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of “X” or “F” as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student’s responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student’s responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor’s note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

### **General Course Information:**

The student is expected to be prepared for each lesson and to progress at his or her own rate throughout the semester. Music majors are required to attend recitals as required by the Fine Arts Department.

### **Grading:**

The final grade will be based on attendance, a weekly grade from each lesson, a mid-term exam, and a final exam representing the material covered in the lessons. Music majors will be required to meet the Recital Attendance/ Performance requirements for each semester of enrollment in private lessons. See below for more details.

**Recital Attendance:**

The student is required to attend recitals as follows: every Thursday afternoon student recital and 75% of other evening recitals, such as faculty / guest artist recitals, jazz band / symphonic band concerts, and choir concerts. Your recital attendance slips of each recital will be collected by a stage crew after the recitals.

The student will be penalized as follows for failing to meet this requirement.

**The student's private lesson grade in his/her principal applied area will be lowered by one letter grade for every Thursday afternoon recital missed.** Additionally, if the student attends fewer than the required 75% of evening recitals, the private lesson grade will be lowered for every missed recital under the 75%. Whether or not an absence is excused, will be determined by the student's studio teacher.

**4.1.1.1. Diversity Statement**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

**4.1.1.2. Disabilities Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

**4.1.1.3 Non-Discrimination Statement**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

**4.1.1.4 Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email [dburleson@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dburleson@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**4.1.1.5 OPTIONAL STATEMENT - Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College 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 South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.