

COURSE OUTLINE

MUSC 190 Functional Guitar Class II 2 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This is the second in a two-semester sequenced class. It is designed to address the specialized skill sets needed for music students wanting to pursue a major in music therapy or music education as well as for Music Therapists to meet the list of core competencies as defined in the American Music Therapy Association. It is also an introduction to guitar accompaniment for the general elective student. The course will continue advancing on the topics covered in the MUSC 189 with emphasis on standard notation reading, group accompaniment, advanced chord structures and finger picking approaches. The goal of this class is to produce technical and accompaniment competencies utilizing tablature, chord charts and standard notation with an emphasis on folk, blues, popular and multicultural idioms. Prerequisite: MUSC 189. (2 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Perform advanced strumming techniques and finger picking styles.
2. Tune guitar using standard and other tunings
3. Perform a basic repertoire of traditional, folk, blues, popular and multicultural songs with or without printed music
4. Harmonize and transpose simple compositions in several keys using a capo
5. Construct slash, suspended, diminished as well as extended chords.
6. Read chord charts and tablature with an emphasis on standard notation

Major Topics

- I. Reading music: chord charts and standard notation
- II. Chord theory and fingerings
- III. Strumming and finger style techniques
- IV. Accompaniment approaches to various traditional musical styles.
- V. Self and group accompaniment.
- VI. Harmonic theory and transposition techniques.

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. Active class participation
2. Completion of assignments
3. Exams

Other Course Information

This course is an Arts and Sciences elective and an Arts and Humanities elective.