



Course Syllabus: Recital Attendance

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Course Description

Credit Hours: 0

Catalog Description

A course designed to help music students assimilate the various aspects of performance and the art of active listening. Continuous enrollment in Recital Attendance (MUSC 1000 – 101) is required until eight semesters are completed. This course is required for graduation but will carry no semester-hour credit toward a music degree.

Student Learning Outcomes

For music education and performance students, one key attribute for this class is to continue to foster your education on processes, techniques, and training tools that will be available to you on leaving MSU. We are here to create fantastic music educators and musicians first and foremost. The more preparation time put in at the beginning, the higher the progress will be seen.

SLOs are also aligned with the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) EC-12 music standards. Please see Appendix A for a complete listing of the SBEC standards and corresponding course activities.

SLO 1 (SBEC EC-12 Music 003.B, 004.A-E, 005.A-B, 008.A-C, 009.A-C, 010.B-C, 012.F):

The student will demonstrate a high level of competence in skills required to perform with other musicians (specifically collaborative pianists) and as a soloist.

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SLO 2 (SBEC EC-12 Music 001.A-D, 002.A-B, 003.A,C, 006.A-B, 007.A-C, 010.D, 012.F): The student will model appropriate concert etiquette and develop listening skills as audience members.

SLO 3 (SBEC EC-12 Music 004.A, 006.A-B): The student will apply their knowledge of composers, compositions, and musical terms by providing accurate information for recital programs.

SLO 4 (SBEC EC-12 Music 001.A-D, 002.A-B, 003.A,C, 005.A-B, 006.A-B, 007.A-C, 008.D-E, 009.D-E, 010.A,D, 011.H): The student will apply their knowledge of aural skills, theory, technique, and music styles while performing and critically listening to a wide variety of vocal and instrumental repertoire.

SLO 5 (SBEC EC-12 Music 012.C): The student will develop oral communication, networking, and career navigation skills through interactions with guest artists and clinicians.

Submission Types

To perform on a departmental recital, students must:

- submit the piano score to their collaborative pianist no less than 3 weeks prior to the performance date but no later than February 15,
- obtain the appropriate form from the Music Office,
- fill out the form completely, accurately, and legibly,
- have the form signed by the applied instructor,
- have the form signed by the collaborative pianist (if applicable),
- and submit it to the Music Office by 3:30 p.m. on the Monday before the desired performance date.

Selfies must be taken in a way that is not distracting to the performers or the audience and must follow these guidelines:

- Submit your selfie as a JPEG (.jpg) or PDF. D2L cannot read Apple's HEIC files. (Click [here](#) to view instructions on how to convert HEIC files to JPEGs.)
 - Face must be visible
 - Program must be visible
 - Stage/venue and evidence of exiting audience must be visible
- (Suggestion: Have a friend take the photo, making sure all items are visible in the frame.)

Students must receive permission to submit a selfie or concert review for an off-campus concert or recital. Click [here](#) to view suggestions for writing a concert review.

Attendance and Concert Etiquette Policies

Students do not need to alert the instructor when they miss a performance. If a student doesn't attend a recital or concert, they just need to choose a different one to attend until they accumulate the 30 points for the semester.

Concert Etiquette

Click [here](#) to view the concert etiquette guidelines provided by the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra for their audiences.

Disrespectful Behavior

A student observed being openly disrespectful at a performance will not receive attendance credit and may face further consequences as outlined by the MSU Texas student handbook.

Disrespectful behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Consuming food, gum, or beverages besides water in the performance venue
- Fighting or engaging in romantic activities in the performance venue
- Having headphones on during a performance
- Talking loudly during a performance
- Watching videos during a performance
- Reading or doing work during a performance
- Recording/streaming a performance without the explicit permission of the performer(s)
- Taking pictures of a performance without the explicit permission of the performer(s)
- Using flash photography without the explicit permission of the performer(s)
- Entering/exiting during a performance (wait until a piece has concluded before slipping out for emergencies)

Cell Phone Usage

Cell phones must be turned to silent (not vibrate) and must not be operated during faculty or guest artist recitals.

Acceptable phone use for student recitals includes:

- recording/streaming a performance with the explicit permission of the performer(s)
- taking pictures of a performance with the explicit permission of the performer(s)

Students are advised not to take advantage of this extremely lenient phone policy, or it will be changed. Students who use their phones inappropriately or excessively during a performance may be flagged for disrespectful behavior and asked to leave the recital

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Course Grade - List all graded assignments with their point value and or percentage of total grade. Letter Grade Scale indicate the overall points or % to letter grade scale for example 1270 to 1137 = A.

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Concert Attendance Points	30/semester
Total Points	30

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
Pass	30

Mid-Term Exam

No Mid-Term Exam.

Final Exam

No final exam. Click here to enter text.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes: Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation: Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:"
- Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the classes in which they are enrolled. Although in general students are graded on intellectual effort and performance rather than attendance, absences may lower the student's grade where class attendance and class participation are deemed essential by the faculty member. In those classes where attendance is considered as part of the grade, the instructor should so inform students of the specifics in writing at the beginning of the semester in a syllabus or separate attendance policy statement. An instructor who has an attendance policy must keep records on a daily basis. The instructor must give the student a verbal or written warning prior to being dropped from the class. Instructor's records will stand as evidence of absences. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from a course by the instructor. Any individual faculty member or college has the authority to establish an attendance policy, providing the policy is in accordance with the General University Policies.

Recording Classes

All classes are recorded.

Instructor Class Policies

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techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given). Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Using any part of another person or entity's (e.g. generative A.I.) work for academic credit
- Using an assignment in more than one class without the instructor's permission
- Accessing or sharing restricted information through electronic means without the instructor's permission (This includes sharing recital programs with students who are not in attendance.)

Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. Office of Student Conduct Airborne Illness Policies

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule:

The course schedule for this course is posted on D2L.

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1 9/18 to 9/24	Detailed instructions on the Activities and Assignments	Clearly posted Due Dates
Week 2 9/25 to 10/6	Continued	
Week 3 10/7 to 10/13	Continued	