

Western University, Don Wright Faculty of Music

Music 9506Y/4976Y: COLLABORATIVE MUSICIANSHIP, 2021-2022
Thursday 10:30 am -12:00 pm, MB 321

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COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description

Collaborative musicianship provides a crucial foundation for basic musicianship, teamwork, and partnership within our Faculty of Music. As such, the fundamental goal of this course is to establish and inspire a deeper foundational understanding of collaborative musicianship through:

- A detailed survey and analysis of carefully selected chamber music and small ensemble repertoire in rehearsals, coachings, and public performances.
- The discussion and implementation of rehearsal and practice strategies that optimize limited group rehearsal time.
- The enhancement and refinement of basic musical elements including rhythm, sense of form and structure, intonation, clarity and articulation, sense of phrasing and line, contrast, and concert hall projection/balance.
- Understanding the unique timbre and characteristics of each instrument and instrumental group and developing sensitivity to the inherent ensemble and balance issues that these instruments and instrumental groups represent.
- Encouraging creativity, collaborative problem-solving, and teamwork in addressing ensemble and musical issues, as well as new approaches for the dissemination and consumption of chamber ensembles in the

post-COVID era.

*The exact protocol and way class meetings will unfold will depend on defined protocol from the University and the Ontario Ministry of Health. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL MASK FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS, UNLESS EXEMPTED BY THE UNIVERSITY.

Grading

Students are expected to be well prepared at each coaching and to demonstrate reasonable and consistent progress throughout the semester. The semester grade is determined by student effort, preparation for coachings, performance, and overall progress in the quality of playing attained in the respective semester of study.

Attendance, Effort, and Progress: 70%

Final Performances: 30%

Grading scale: A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.

Attendance

Students are required to attend all scheduled coachings unless they have a legitimate reason for canceling a coaching. Requests for canceled coachings must be made no later than 24 hours preceding the session (except in cases of medical or family emergency). Students should take the initiative to schedule any make-up coachings, and unexcused absences are not eligible for make-ups.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

i) Course Prerequisites: Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no

adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

ii) Academic Consideration for Student Absence: Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. **Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus.** Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. **Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counseling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.**

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counseling office. For the Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf

and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Special Note for Covid-19-related Situations:

As a guideline, if a student has been contacted by the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) to self-quarantine due to a Covid-19-related situation, then the Self-Reported Absence system is not to be used to report this absence or to request an academic accommodation. The student should contact the Academic Counseling office as soon as they are notified.

In general, students are advised to not self-determine when to self-isolate. Unless directed by the MLHU students should go about their business as usual. But if a student chooses to self-isolate due to a suspected Covid-19-related situation while waiting to receive direction from the MLHU then the student is directed to contact the Academic Counseling office as soon as possible for further direction on receiving accommodation consideration.

iii) Academic Consideration for Missing Work: In cases where students are unable to submit work due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, if an online self-reported absence is submitted, or if appropriate supporting documentation is submitted to the Associate Dean's office, and the accommodation is granted, then the missed assessments may be rescheduled or discounted in the calculation of the final grade for the course, at the discretion of the instructor. If neither a self-reported absence nor an appropriate supporting document is submitted to the appropriate office, then the missed assignments will receive a grade of zero.

iv) Academic Offences: Submission of work with which you have received help from someone else (other than the course instructor or TA) is an example of plagiarism, which is considered a major academic offence. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as found at:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

v) Mental Health & Wellness: Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to the Health and Wellness at Western page (<https://www.uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help or to go to the Wellness Education Centre located in UCC room 76. Students in crisis in need of immediate care are directed to go directly to Student Health Services in UC11 or to click on the green “I Need Help Now” button on the Health and Wellness page above.

vi) Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Students work with Accessible Education Western (AEW, formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf

vii) Religious Accommodation: Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counselor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar.

<http://multiculturalcalendar.com/ecal/index.php?s=c-univwo>

viii) Contingency Plan: In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online at the discretion of the course instructor.