Syllabus for:
**Guitar and Jazz Guitar Lessons**
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**Goals and Objectives of the Lessons:** Students will develop and improve their musicianship skills relating to guitar performance with concentrations in the following areas…

- **Guitar Technique/ Facility**
- **Notation Reading**
- **Accompaniment**
- **Improvisation**
- **Unaccompanied solo guitar performance** (jazz guitar performance majors only)
- **Repertoire** – Concentration for jazz guitar students will be on American songbook, jazz and Latin standards with some memorization required.

**Required Texts/ Materials/ Equipment:**

- Guitar
- Metronome
- Blank manuscript notebook (spiral bound).
- Three ring binder
- Fake book(s) as per need.
- Assigned method books and/or etude books as per need.
- Assigned recordings as per need.

**Grading Criteria:**

- The lesson grade submitted by the instructor will be based upon an averaging of the student’s preparedness pertaining to each aspect of the weekly assignments as indicated in the student’s lesson rubric. The resulting average (0-100 points) will then be adjusted (as described below) to account for any punctuality or attendance issues that have occurred during the semester.
- It is within the instructor’s purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades for an assignment or for a course

**Attendance:**

- Students are required to attend all scheduled lessons. Excused absences are limited to those which are accompanied by a physician’s note **AND** are communicated to the instructor via his home telephone # (610-276-4280) prior to the scheduled lesson. Excused absences will be made up at the discretion of the instructor.
- Students will receive a zero (out of 100 possible points) for each unexcused absence.
- Punctuality is essential. Repeatedly failing to show up promptly at the scheduled time will result in the student’s final grade being lowered by 4 points (out of 100 possible points).
- If the student fails to show up within the first 20 minutes of his/her scheduled lesson time, then the incident will be considered an unexcused absence and the tardy student will receive a zero for the day.

**Additional Notes:**

- Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Mr. Joe Kempfer, Assistant Director of Learning Services for Disability Support, 1307 Main St. (extension 1510). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the office of Learning Services.
- The academic honesty policy, which is stated in the Moravian Student Handbook, will be observed and enforced.
- This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.