

Hagerstown Community College
Official Course Syllabus Document
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

COURSE:

MUS 256 – Guitar Ensemble IV (1 credit)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

INSTRUCTOR:

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Guitar Ensemble I provides students the opportunity to practice and perform music for guitar in small and large group formats, as well as in solo settings. The ensemble's repertoire will primarily focus on works composed in the classical tradition, including works from the renaissance through the modern period, with additional repertoire being supplemented from the jazz and popular worlds. Students wishing to participate in guitar ensemble should be familiar with reading and performing standard music notation, as all music will be written in standard music notation – not tablature.

Prerequisite: MUS 156

TEXTBOOK:

N/A – Music and handouts provided by instructor

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Student will demonstrate the ability to successfully audition into a four-year program and enter at a junior level.

- Students will be able to successfully prepare for and perform in a public recital at an intermediate to early-advanced musical level.
- Students will demonstrate a mastery of musicianship relevant to instrumental/vocal performance and ensemble participation at an intermediate to early-advanced level.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (beyond program):

Student will:

- Demonstrate a familiarity with the history and repertoire of their respective instrument.
- Employ increased understanding of sound production (as it applies to singing and speaking).
- Apply developed skills in proper singing techniques for both classical and popular music.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 15 h required	Student Work Out of Classroom 30 h required
In-class “rehearsal”	10 h	
Repertoire practice		20 h
Lecture, quiz, presentation	5 h	10 h
Total Hours	15 h	30 h

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

COURSE POLICIES:

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one’s own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one’s own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: “I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do.”

Inclement Weather Policy:

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

Services for Students with Disabilities:

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.