MUAP- 3270-125  
Private instruction - Electric Bass  
Summer 2020 Syllabus

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The bass plays a crucial role in music. It provides the rhythmic pulse and the foundation of the harmony of every ensemble. Its position as the bridge between rhythm and harmony makes it the heart and soul of the music. In our lessons we will develop the skills needed to become a competent bassist while exploring the rich history of the instrument and its repertoire.

Objectives:
Over the course of the semester the student will study and gain an understanding of:
1. Proper left and right hand technique  
2. Scales and Arpeggios - 2 octaves  
3. Standard repertoire  
4. Reading music & interpreting rhythms  
5. Building and understanding bass lines

Requirements:
The student will come to each lesson on time and be prepared to perform and learn. Practicing is an essential part of learning how to play an instrument and music in general. The student will be expected to spend the adequate amount of time needed to learn the material from the lessons and to improve from week to week.

Assignments:
Each lesson the student will be given a concept, piece of music, or exercise to work on for the next week. Everything discussed and worked on in the lesson will connect to what has come before it. This will allow the student to continuously grow and have clear goals. It will also allow the teacher to provide assessments and give feedback every week.

Required Materials:
To be determined after the initial lesson. Various literature may be assigned during the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain any necessary books, literature, recordings, etc. that the instructor may request.
**Required Listening:**
For a musician to grow and understand their craft they must regularly listen to the masters. During the course of the semester the instructor will ask the student to listen to classic recordings. At any point in the course the teacher may ask that the student acquire a specific recording for study.

**Grading Criteria:**
The grade for this class will be based on the following: 100% will be on weekly lesson grades based on preparation for that individual lesson.

**Attendance and Preparedness:**
Weekly lesson grades will be based on attendance, preparedness, and participation. Tardiness will not be tolerated. The student will be forgiven once for being late, after which each infraction will result in a loss of five points from their final grade.

There are no unexcused absences. You may be excused from your lesson for illness, school activities, death or other act of God. You must inform the instructor prior to an absence in order for it to be excused. After four absences the student will be dropped from the course by the professor.

**Final Jury Scale Requirements:**
- Semester 1 - Major
- Semester 2 - Harmonic Minor
- Semester 3 - Melodic Minor
- Semester 4 - Natural Minor and Modes

**Grading:**
- A = 100-90
- B = 89-80
- C = 79-70
- D = 69-60
- F = 59 and below
**Academic/Classroom Policies:**
The standards and provisions expounded in the Temple College catalog and student handbook are designed to serve and protect all students. Both academic and social policies are designated to create an environment of safety and integrity that support a public education purpose. Especially with regard to academic integrity, classroom and building security and appropriate conduct, the student handbook will serve as guide and regulation. In all circumstances not defined by the law and regulations of the school, state, and federal government, the instructor will have final judgment. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of and compliant to all policies and guidelines offered in the official Temple College Catalog and Student Handbook:

- [Temple College Catalog](catalog.templejc.edu)
- [Temple College Student Handbook](catalog.templejc.edu/index.php?catoid=12)

**Student Accomodations:**
All Students will be treated with respect for their personal needs. If you have received services related to disabilities or feel you might need services, please contact your instructor. Student support services are available for many academic, social, and personal needs. [Office of Student Accommodations](www.templejc.edu/admissions/right-to-know/accessibility/)

**Title IX Pregnancy Services:**
Students who are requesting services related to pregnancy must disclose their need to their respective instructor and submit a signed diagnostic statement to the Temple College Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Pregnancy Services prior to or immediately upon learning of medical need. (254-298-8328, OCC RM 1473) For more information access [Student Handbook](Student Handbook) – Safety and Emergency Information – Title IX - Pregnancy Services.

**Student and Campus Safety:**
TC Campus Police provide support and safety services as needed. Review [Title IX - Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault](http://templejc.edu/resources/campus-police/) as well as general information at [http://templejc.edu/resources/campus-police/](http://templejc.edu/resources/campus-police/)

**Unforeseen Circumstances:**
The instructor with respect, equity, and integrity will handle all situations not specified within these policy guidelines. Where other college guidelines exist, they will be applied. Where no guidelines exist, counsel will be sought.