

Spring 2026

Dates: February 5th – April 16th (no class on 3/19/26)

Day/Time: Thursdays, 10:45am – 12:15pm

Location: UNLV MAB2 (OLLI Building) – Room TBA

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Course Description

Guitar group is for experienced guitar players who can read notation or those who have basic guitar reading skills and would like to extend this knowledge. In a group rehearsal format with opportunities for individual instruction, we will perform ensemble pieces as a whole group and/or in small chamber groups. A variety of literature and styles will be explored from baroque to blues, improv to modern songs. This course is intended to be led by student input (we learn what the students want to focus on). At-home daily practice is an expectation.

Time will be divided into small rehearsal/learning segments for specific knowledge and/or skills with short practice breaks in between. The last segment of instructional time will be “independent practice time” where students are encouraged to practice what was learned in class and receive individual feedback from the instructor on strengths and areas of need. You should expect to be playing your instrument roughly 75% of the class time. This may be tiring on the hands, so pace yourself!

Course Materials

Students will need to provide their own guitar, picks, tuner (or tuner app), and other accessories. A music stand is highly recommended. Students will be provided with instructional materials and sheet music.

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