

MSE 496R Course Syllabus

F. Safe and Effective Education During a Pandemic:

The faculty and staff of the University of Tennessee are committed to offering a safe environment for effective education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The success of this endeavor requires that all members of the UTK community contribute to creating and maintaining a safe environment. The most important points are summarized below.

- **You are asked to wear a mask at all times in class.** This session of MSE 496R is offered in a face-to-face mode.
- **Do not come to class if you are sick.** Absence due to illness of any kind is an excused absence.

A. Course Details

MSE 496R Materials for Historical Instrument Restoration

Meeting Place: Ferris 405

Meeting Time: Tuesdays 8:45-9:45 AM

Instructor: Prof. David Keffer, room 301 Ferris Hall, dkeffer@utk.edu

Teaching Assistant: None

Textbook:

- The Manual of Musical Instrument Conservation, Stewart Pollens, (2015) – Reserved at Devine Music Library (call number: ML460 .P7 2015)

Course Website: <http://utkstair.org/clausius/docs/mse496r/index.html>

B. Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are provided in a separate document located at <http://utkstair.org/clausius/docs/mse496r/pdf/objectives.pdf>

C. Grading Policy

C.1. Grade Breakdown

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| • EURēCA Team Poster: | 25% |
| • Project Oral Presentation/Video (posted online): | 30% |
| • Final Team Project Report: | 30% |
| • Participation Score (Faculty Assessed): | 10% |
| • Participation Score (Peer Assessed): | 5% |
| • Total: | 100% |

C.2. Course Grades

Course grades will be assigned on the following basis:

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| 90.0 - 100.0 | A |
| 85.0 - 89.99 | B+ |
| 80.0 - 84.99 | B |
| 75.0 - 79.99 | C+ |
| 70.0 - 74.99 | C |
| 60.0 - 69.99 | D |
| 00.0 - 59.99 | F |

This course grade basis may (at the instructor's discretion) be shifted uniformly down, should the overall performance of the class require it. This course grade basis will not be shifted up. (That is, if an exam proves to be too hard and the average is low, an 89% may make an A. However, if an exam proves to be too easy and the average is high, a 90% will always make an A.)

C.3. EURēCA Team Poster

- The student team will submit one poster to the Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement (EURēCA).
- All team members are expected to participate in the presentation.
- See the website for instructions and deadlines: <https://eureca.utk.edu/>
- The poster will be evaluated according to the EURēCA rubric.

C.4. Project Oral Presentation/Video

- The student team will create one oral presentation or video describing the project.
- This presentation can take the form of a traditional student oral presentation with Powerpoint slides.
- Alternatively, this presentation can take the form of a video documentary describing the project.
- Regardless of the form, a file must be provided to the instructor that can be uploaded to YouTube or another video sharing platform.

C.5. Final Report

- The student team will create one final report describing the project.
- The report will be evaluated according to a rubric provided by the instructor.

C.6. Participation

- The instructor will provide a participation score based on observation.
- Each team member will provide a participation score for themselves and all teammates..

D. Getting Help

D.1. Email

The best way to contact the instructor is via email with the subject line "MSE 496".

D.2. Office Hours

- This course will not have regularly scheduled office hours. Appointments can be made with the instructor on an as-needed basis.

E. Course Schedule:

The schedule for this course is provided in a separate document located at <http://utkstair.org/clausius/docs/mse496r/pdf/schedule.pdf>