

GUITAR PROFICIENCY (Music Education majors only)

The guitar proficiency requirement can be fulfilled by either passing MUS 1630: Basic Class Guitar with a C grade or better, or by passing the guitar proficiency exam as outlined below.

The student must successfully perform the following to pass the guitar proficiency exam:

1. Demonstrate the relative tuning method
2. Correctly play the chords (strumming) for two popular songs of an intermediate level
3. Play the following scales using both rest stroke and free stroke: C major and A minor (one octave), G major and E minor (two octaves), D major and B minor (one octave), A major and F# minor (two octaves). (NOTE: the minor scales listed above refer to natural or pure minor)
4. Play I-IV-V7-I in the keys of C, G, D minor, and G minor using bar chords
5. Memorize and play the 15 basic (first position) chords: Am, A, A7, B7, C, C7, Dm, D, D7, Em, E, E7, F, G, G7
6. Play I-IV-V7-I in the keys of A, C, D, G, E, A minor, and E minor using the basic (first position) chords
7. Memorize the notes in first position on all 6 strings
8. Sight read the melody of an intermediate popular song
9. Play two classical works of a beginning level (any study by Sor, Carulli, Carcassi, Aguado Giuliani)
10. Transcribe a given example of modern notation into guitar tablature