

## Qualifications and syllabus

### Classical Guitar Initial-Grade 8

Classical Guitar Syllabus from 2020



## Instrument requirements

- ▶ Classical guitar with nylon strings
- ▶ Performed fingerstyle
- ▶ No amplification, pedals or effects

## Pieces/songs

- ▶ Solo pieces and duets (Initial-Grade 5)
- ▶ No backing tracks
- ▶ Standard notation
- ▶ Baroque, classical, romantic, flamenco, folk, contemporary
- ▶ Examples: Brouwer, Dowland, Giuliani, Sor, Tárrega, de Visée, and living composers including McDowall, Sanderson, Ryan

## Publications

### Pieces in nine graded exam books



### Raise the Bar (wider repertoire)



### Performance Edition (wider repertoire)



### Technical work



### Sight reading



## Audio and further support

Visit [trinitycollege.com/classical-guitar-resources](http://trinitycollege.com/classical-guitar-resources) for:

- ▶ Online video demonstrations of selected solo and duet pieces and technical work
- ▶ Sample booklet
- ▶ Videos of improvisation tests

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### Acoustic Guitar Initial-Grade 8

Acoustic Guitar Syllabus from 2020



### Rock & Pop Guitar Initial-Grade 8

Rock & Pop Guitar Syllabus from 2018



## Instrument requirements

- ▶ Classical guitar, acoustic guitar and electro-acoustic guitar permitted (nylon or steel strings)
- ▶ Electric guitar may not be used
- ▶ Performed with a pick or fingerstyle
- ▶ With or without amplification, pedals and effects

- ▶ Electric guitar or electro-acoustic guitar
- ▶ Steel strings
- ▶ Amplification required: *(Initial-Grade 2 only: classical or acoustic guitar permitted, with nylon/steel strings and no amplification)*
- ▶ Performed with a pick or fingerstyle
- ▶ Optional pedals and effects

## Pieces/songs

- ▶ Solo pieces and duets (Initial-Grade 5)
  - ▶ Standard and TAB notation
  - ▶ Optional backing tracks for selected pieces
  - ▶ Folk, acoustic, rock and pop, jazz, blues and country styles
- Examples: Ed Sheeran, Bob Marley, Led Zeppelin, Django Reinhardt and Chet Atkins

- ▶ Solo songs
  - ▶ Standard and TAB notation
  - ▶ Backing tracks must be used (except own-choice songs which may be performed solo or with accompaniment on any instrument)
  - ▶ Rock, pop, ballad, country, blues, reggae, R'n'B, funk, shuffle, disco, Latin, metal, jazz
- Examples: David Bowie, Santana, Big Star, Alabama Shakes, James Brown, Coldplay, U2

## Publications

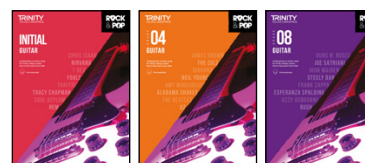
Pieces in three graded exam books



Technical work



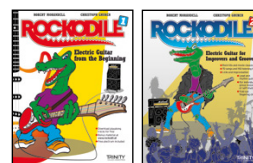
Songs in nine graded exam books



Session skills in three graded books



Electric/acoustic guitar tutor books



## Audio and further support

Visit [trinitycollege.com/acoustic-guitar-resources](http://trinitycollege.com/acoustic-guitar-resources) for:

- ▶ Demo performances on Spotify (also available to download/stream from SoundWise and other platforms)
- ▶ Tips on songwriting, techniques, inspiration
- ▶ Sight reading specimen tests

Wider repertoire pieces available from [store.trinitycollege.com/collections/acoustic-guitar-exam-pieces-2020-2023](http://store.trinitycollege.com/collections/acoustic-guitar-exam-pieces-2020-2023)

- ▶ Audio available to download/stream from SoundWise (code included with books)
- ▶ Additional songs available for purchase from [store.trinitycollege.com/pages/rock-pop-guitar](http://store.trinitycollege.com/pages/rock-pop-guitar)
- ▶ [trinityrock.com/practice-room](http://trinityrock.com/practice-room) offers videos, articles and further resources