Course Description:

Beginning/elementary level instruction on violin, viola, cello and double bass in a string orchestra setting. This course is designed for non-music majors that want to learn a string instrument or music majors that want to learn a secondary instrument. Course may be repeated for credit.

Course Content:

Basic techniques used to teach and play string instruments: beginner student setup, finger tapes, musical games, care and maintenance, body posture, instrument position, left hand principles, finger placement, accidentals, vibrato, bow hold, sound production, bow strokes, intonation, note reading for beginning orchestra.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, students should be able to show:

- Proper instrument and body posture
- Proper bow hold
- Proper left-hand position and finger placement
- Perform beginning repertoire on at least one of the string instruments

Required Textbooks:


Course Requirements and Expectations:

- Attendance is required for this course. Any absences should be informed at least 24 hours in advance. Special cases will be analyzed individually.
- Students are expected to participate actively in learning activities.
- Students are expected to practice their instrument weekly.
• Students are required to perform in all the regular performance checkup tests throughout the semester.

**Grading:**

Performance Checkup (50%)
Final Performance (40%)
TOTAL = 100%

**Performance Checkup:**

These tests will consist of an individual performance of an assigned excerpt from repertoire previously learned in this course in front of the class.

**Final Recital**

Will consist in a performance of the pieces learned in this course.

**Cell-Phone Policy:**

The use of cellular phones (including for texting) during class, will not be tolerated without prior permission from the professor, and this will only be granted in emergencies. Cell phones will be turned to the “off” or “silent” position for the duration of class.
Cell-phones will be allowed for recording purposes.

**Academic Honesty:**

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook. In essence, the willingness to cheat undermines our purpose at the university.
Plagiarism is, quite simply, turning in someone else’s language, paragraphs, ideas, or writing for credit without adequately documenting your sources. Plagiarism includes letting your parents write your essay (even small portions) or turning in an essay from high school for credit in this class. To read more, check out the [Center for Academic Integrity](#).

**University Course Withdrawal Policy:**

The last day to drop or totally withdraw from regular session courses and the University is **Wednesday, November 2, 2016**. Withdrawal grades will be indicated with W.

**Students with Disabilities:**

Angelo State University is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments
Act of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation. The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, at (325) 942-2191 or (325) 942-2126 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at Student.Life@angelo.edu to begin the process.

Official ASU Policy on Religious Holiday absence exemptions:

1. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20.

2. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

3. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.