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Course Description:

Beginning/intermediary instruction in violin and viola in a private lesson setting. Intended for any level music minors and non-majors. Course may be repeated for credit. Open to all majors.

Course Content:

Basic techniques used to play string instruments: body posture, instrument position, left hand principles, finger placement, accidentals, vibrato, bow hold, sound production, bow strokes, intonation, note reading and repertoire.

Course Objectives:

- Proper instrument position and bow hold  
- Develop creative and critical thinking  
- Proper left hand position and intonation  
- Perform repertoire compatible with current level of playing

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 by actively playing their instruments and other learning activities.  
- Students are expected to practice their instrument weekly.

Student Assessment

Specific items that will be assessed include, but are not limited to: tone, rhythm, articulation, intonation and musical expression. Student will also be evaluated on their attendance, punctuality and preparedness.
Grading

Lesson Grade (30%) – Students will receive a grade for each lesson (0-10), based on their readiness for the lesson.

Midterm playing exam (30%) – Consists of a playing exam with assigned scales and etudes to be completed by the end of the 8th week of the Fall 17 semester.

Final playing exam (30%) – Consists of a playing exam with selected repertoire and techniques from course material. Music minors will perform to a faculty jury panel on December 8.

Attendance (10%) – Students are expected to attend to all lessons. Each unexcused absence will lower your grade by 5 points. Two absences imply a lower letter grade at the end of the semester.

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.