**Course Description:**

Instruction in violin/viola or guitar in a private lesson setting intended for those minoring in Music as well as Non-Music Majors or Majors interested in a secondary instrument. Course may be repeated for credit. Open to all majors.

**Course Content:**

Work on a variety of practices and techniques used in playing string instruments as 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 MUST 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 daily and demonstrate weekly progress.

**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 scales and/or etudes.

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 during finals week.

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.

**Title IX at Angelo State University:**

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance. This is done in order to connect students with resources and options in addressing the allegations reported. As a student, are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator. You may do so by contacting:

**Michelle Boone, J.D.**  
*Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator*  
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210  
325-942-2022  
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form).

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

The Office of Title IX Compliance also provides accommodations related to pregnancy (such as communicating with your professors regarding medically necessary absences, modifications required because of pregnancy, etc.). If you are pregnant and need assistance or accommodations, please contact the Office of Title IX Compliance utilizing the information above.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).