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**Course Description:**

The intent of this course is to prepare music education majors to teach beginning strings (violin, viola, cello and double bass) in a heterogeneous string classroom setting as well as a survey of repertoire for string orchestra Grades 1-5.

**Course Content:**

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

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of this course, students should be able to demonstrate and teach on all the stringed instruments:

- 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.
• All reading/listening assignments are required. Some assignments will require a written essay.
• Students are expected to practice their instrument weekly.
• Two Classroom observations should be scheduled with orchestra teachers that teach beginning orchestra in the public schools. A list of orchestra teachers available will be provided.
• Students will prepare a lesson plan and actively teach two skills to their peers.
• Students are required to have a three ring binder and a notebook to keep track of class progress.
• Students are required to perform in all four performing tests throughout the semester.

Grading:

Weekly online assignments (30%)
Performance Check Up (20%)
Midterm Written and Playing Exam (20%)
Final Written and Playing Exam (30%)
TOTAL = 100%

Online assignments:

Weekly assignments will consist mainly of mini recordings, readings and listening assignments to be completed on Blackboard.

Performance Check Up:

There will be a total of four performing test. These tests will consist of an individual performance of an assigned excerpt from repertoire previously learned in this course.

Midterm and Final exam:

Will consist of an exam with a written and a playing portion.

Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class At Angelo State University

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or
work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

**Student Disability Services**

ASU 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 of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at [www.angelo.edu/ADA](http://www.angelo.edu/ADA).

**Official ASU Policy on Religious Holiday absence exemptions:**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

**Title IX**

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. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

**Incomplete Grade Policy**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the Statement of Academic Integrity

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

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