

MUAP
Violin/Viola lessons
Syllabus for Michael Grinnell

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PRIVATE INSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Attendance:

- Attend every lesson punctually; in addition to your music, bring a notebook in which to write assignments. If a lesson must be canceled (for reason of serious medical/family emergency, or a significant school function), please call your instructor to give advance notice.

-lessons missed due to unexcused absences are not required to be made up; lessons missed due to excused absences (with sufficient notification) may be rescheduled at the instructor's discretion

-a student missing 4 lessons will be dropped from enrollment in private instruction

-it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor at the beginning of each semester (no later than the first week of classes) to schedule lessons

Lesson Requirements: Majors

- Prepare **everyday** for private lessons. This means **planning** and **practicing** more than one hour **per day** on your instrument.
- All students will play for a jury of faculty members at the end of the semester.
- Attend string faculty recitals, guest clinics, master classes, and student recitals among other events.

Course Objectives: Designed for the intermediate to advanced level of student with violin/viola as their primary instrument. This course allows for development at an individual pace, and the student will have the opportunity to:

- Develop facility and musicality in violin/viola playing and to expand his or her repertoire.
- Develop competent posture, form, and intermediate to advanced technique (left and right hand) to positively affect the quality of performance.
- Learn to read music well and play with accurate rhythm and pitch, musicality and phrasing.
- Learn to develop good intonation and tone quality, incorporating concepts that involve coordination, balance, and ease.
- Develop good practice habits that include quality of practice with positive mental and body awareness
- Develop good listening skills and overall musicianship.

Students will develop these competencies through the study of scales, etudes and solo repertoire.

Semester Lesson Expectations: All students are expected to successfully complete materials in the following categories:

- **Daily exercises**-Exercises including major and/or minor scales with arpeggios:
- **Technical exercises**-Etudes will be studied and completed at an average of one every two-three weeks: Kruetzer, Bruner, Campagnoli, Rode, etc... as assigned
- **Solo literature**-Solos will be selected from standard violin/viola repertoire, as well as from the UIL prescribed solo list. A minimum of one solo will be completed each semester.

Equipment Expectations: All students must own a **metronome and a tuner**. Use them in your practice sessions and bring them to each lesson.

Grading:

Final grades will reflect the amount and quality of daily preparation that the student has devoted to the applied instrument study. Grades will incorporate the jury performance, the student's progress during the semester and attendance at lessons.

The following University policies must appear on each course syllabus or be provided as an informational sheet (web-links to these policies may be used in the print or electronic syllabus)
<http://www.uttyler.edu/academicaffairs/syllabuspolicies.pdf>

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www2.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance.

Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.