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SP26 - Private Violin



Department of Music

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Applied Violin: MUA1059, MUA2059, MUA3059, MUA4059

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Violin playing is a beautiful way to share your passion for music. As your violin professor, I'm committed to helping you acquire your next level of violin playing skill and confidence. Our tools are violin literature, practice time, and performance opportunities. I will work hard to help you make the most of these tools as you work hard to apply them. Together, we will strive to achieve the specific learning outcomes listed below.

Program Learning Outcome: Develop applied music skills in one primary performance area in both solo and ensemble settings.

Student Learning Outcomes (see rubric below):

1. The student will show formation of effective practice habits by earning at least "Proficient" designations for practice quantity and for practice quality on the Practice Rubric;
2. The student will demonstrate technical progress, as indicated by earning at least a "Proficient" designation on the Progress Rubric;
3. The student will show repertoire growth by earning at least a "Proficient" designation on the Repertoire Rubric;
4. The student will exhibit acquisition of level-appropriate performance skills as shown in the Jury or Recital Video Recording and as evidenced by at least an average of "Proficient" designations on the Jury Rubric.*

Grading System: As detailed below in “Earning Points,” the student will accumulate points to earn a semester grade. Letter grades are assigned as follow:

A = 94 - 100 C = 74 - 76

A- = 90 - 93 C- = 70 - 73

B+ = 87 - 89 D+ = 67 - 69

B = 84 - 86 D = 64 - 66

B- = 80 - 83 D- = 60 - 63

C+ = 77 - 79 F = 0 - 59

Earning Points: Points will be accumulated according to the following details:

1. For each lesson (86% of semester grade):

- Practice accounts for 60% of your lesson grade. For full credit
 - A beginning-level student needs to practice a minimum of 30 minutes daily, or
 - An advanced 1-credit student needs to practice a minimum of 60 minutes daily, or
 - A 2-credit student needs to practice a minimum of 90 minutes daily
- Practice in excess of these guidelines will make you a better violinist while also improving your grade.
 - Your weekly lesson grade, which accounts for 40% of your weekly grade, is based on the instructor’s evaluation of the quality of your lesson performance and the appropriateness of your lesson literature for your advancement level.

Violin Lesson Rubric:

Weekly Grade 🔍 🗑️									
Criteria	Ratings						Pts		
🎵 Repertoire view longer description threshold: 8.0 pts	10.0 pts Rep is realistically challenging for this student	8.0 pts Rep is a little below or a little above student's reach		5.0 pts Rep is noticeably below or above student's reach		0.0 pts Rep is inappropriate for this student	10.0 pts		
🎵 Practice Amount view longer description threshold: 24.0 pts	30.0 pts 1 unit prep level 3.5+ hours; 1 unit advanced level 7+ hours; 2 units 10.5+ hours	24.0 pts 1 unit prep level 2.8+ hours; 1 unit advanced level 5.6+ hours; 2 units 8.4+ hours	18.0 pts 1 unit prep level 2.1+ hours; 1 unit advanced level 4.2+ hours; 2 units 6.3+ hours	12.0 pts 1 unit prep level 1.4+ hours; 1 unit advanced level 2.8+ hours; 2 units 4.2+ hours	6.0 pts 1 unit prep level 0.7+ hours; 1 unit advanced level 1.4+ hours; 2 units 2.1+ hours	0.0 pts Very little practice	30.0 pts		
🎵 Practice Journal view longer description threshold: 22.5 pts	30.0 pts Six or seven days; great follow-through based on teacher's suggestions; very thoughtful goal-setting; comments track good progress		22.5 pts Four or five days; noticeable follow-through based on teacher's suggestions; fairly consistent goal setting; comments track some progress		15.0 pts Fewer than four days; some goal setting/comments; journaling is related to teacher's suggestions		7.5 pts Barely useful journaling	0.0 pts Virtually no journaling	30.0 pts
🎵 Lesson Grade view longer description threshold: 22.5 pts	30.0 pts Excellent lesson	22.5 pts Good lesson	15.0 pts Somewhat disappointing lesson		7.5 pts Very disappointing lesson	0.0 pts No lesson	30.0 pts		
Total Points: 100.0									

2. Performance grade (14% of semester grade):

- Student is graded on public performance and/or jury if a music major or on violin scholarship. Otherwise, it is based on performance on at least 1 string forum.

Jury Rubric:

Performance Assessment:	Exemplary (0)	Proficient (0)	Developing (0)	Initial (0)
Technique				
Physical Approach:	Physical approach is exemplary.	Physical approach is acceptable but could be improved some	Physical approach has obvious issues that should be corrected.	Physical approach needs serious remediation.
Tone Quality:	Tone quality is professional, characteristic, and mature throughout.	Tone quality is characteristic for the majority of the time with rare, short, predictable lapses.	Tone quality is not quite characteristic or has frequent or prolonged lapses.	Tone quality generally is uncharacteristic, weak, harsh, or uneven.
Rhythmic Accuracy:	Musically appropriate tempi and accurate rhythms are maintained throughout.	Contains minor deviations from musically appropriate tempi or accurate rhythms.	Deviates significantly from musically appropriate tempi or accurate rhythms.	Appropriate tempi are not maintained or contains numerous rhythmic inaccuracies.
Pitch Accuracy:	Notes are pitch-accurate and in tune throughout selections.	Minor/rare pitch errors are quickly fixed with acceptable intonation throughout.	Contains noticeable missed notes or predictable intonation problems.	Contains multiple inaccurate notes; serious intonation problems.
Facility:	Execution is accurate and seemingly effortless throughout.	Execution is rendered well (some minor glitches).	Execution contains noticeable glitches.	Execution is highly problematic.
Articulation:	Articulations are musically appropriate throughout.	Most, but not all, articulations are musically appropriate.	Many articulations are noticeably inappropriate.	Articulations are highly problematic.
Dynamics:	Dynamics are musically appropriate throughout.	Dynamics are mostly appropriate and are largely within the correct range.	Dynamics are present but are within too narrow a range or are not used appropriately.	Dynamics either are nonexistent or are used very inappropriately.
Presentation				
Phrasing:	Phrasing is musically appropriate throughout.	Phrasing is musically appropriate most of the time.	Phrasing is present but is not used entirely appropriately.	Phrasing either is nonexistent or is used very inappropriately.
Musical Expression:	Appropriate style and emotional communication are maintained throughout.	Delivers mostly appropriate style and emotional communication.	Contains noticeable deviations from appropriate style and emotional communication.	Style or emotional communication are largely missing or inappropriate.
Appearance and Deportment:	Appearance and deportment are professional and impressive.	Appearance and deportment are appropriate.	Appearance or deportment are barely acceptable.	Appearance or deportment are inappropriate.

String Forum Schedule:

9/20 6:30-7:30 p.m. Band Room
 10/18 6:30-7:30 p.m. Band Room
 11/8 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir Room
 11/29 6:30-7:30 p.m. Band Room

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I expect to be at every one of your lesson appointments, and you should expect to be there as well. Events beyond our control do occur occasionally, however, so here's my attendance policy: Missed lessons, for good cause and with advance notice, may be made up if the professor's schedule permits. Missed String Seminars may be made up by submitting extra credit assignments agreed upon between the student and the professor. Progress must be continued even though an absence may have occurred. Missed lessons and/or String Seminars may lead to de-enrollment: 2 missed = optional de-enrollment; 4 missed = mandatory de-enrollment. See PLNU attendance policy for further details.

SPIRITUAL CARE

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. You'll find faith integration activities throughout this course. In addition, there are resources for your Christian faith journey available on campus.

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