

# SYLLABUS

**MUA 160, 260, 360, 460**  
**Private Viola**

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## **About your lessons:**

Music majors in performance receive a 60-minute lesson every week, all majors in music education and professional studies receive a 30-minute lesson; a total number of 13 lessons is guaranteed each semester. Due to concerts and other responsibilities during the semester, I may have to make up lesson times. Please be punctual for your lessons: lateness of more than 10 minutes without a phone call will result in a forfeited lesson.

## **Requirements:**

Preparation is vital: I expect my performance students to practice an average of two hours a day. Please come prepared to your lesson, if I feel you are unprepared I will stop the lesson and it will not be made up. I **strongly** recommend you record your lessons (audio at least, video is best) so that you can review important concepts at your leisure and observe your playing objectively on a regular basis.

Every semester there will be at least one studio class or recital and several technique classes to give you the opportunity to perform in front of your peers.

## **Course Outcomes:**

You will demonstrate the ability to play with a beautiful sound, strong rhythm and stable intonation. You will master technical elements of viola playing through the study of scales, arpeggios and various etudes. You will perform a broad range of musical pieces from the Baroque to present in a style appropriate to the period: this includes the ability to perform with a wide variety of dynamics, articulations and tonal colors.

## **Grading/Assessment:**

Grading will be subjective and based your improvement throughout the semester.

## **Make-up Policy:**

If you cannot come to your lesson time, contact me a least 24 hours in advance and we will reschedule. I will not make up lessons cancelled the day of the lesson unless there is proof of an emergency.