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MUSC 351-01 String Techniques

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Goals: Emphasis will be placed on developing pedagogical skills and acquiring a basic understanding of stringed instruments through performance on violin, viola, cello and bass. Students will perform at a basic level, and have an understanding of stringed instrument performance and pedagogy, educational materials, instruments, repairs, and other resources.

Description: Students will learn fundamentals of right and left hand technique, tone production, various bowing styles, intonation, shifting, and vibrato. Students will also learn pedagogical strategies for teaching string instruments in school settings.

Objectives: Students will:
- Demonstrate appropriate tone production, articulation, and technique for violin, viola, and cello
- Demonstrate bowing and pizzicato styles
- Explain a variety of strategies for teaching stringed instruments to beginning players
- Exhibit the diagnostic skills to identify and correct common problems
- Learn basics of string instrument care and maintenance
- Demonstrate ability to accurately tune all of the string instruments

Assignments: In order to successfully learn and understand stringed instruments, students must practice 30 minutes per day outside of class. Weekly assignments on scales and technique will be given at each class. In addition there will be playing tests throughout the semester. The specific techniques, repertoire and material being tested will be announced prior to each exam. Students will prepare an in class teaching demonstration and will lead class ensemble rehearsals on a regular basis.
**Grading:**

Participation: 50%

Playing tests: 30%

Quizzes: 10%

Teaching Demonstration: 10%

**Attendance:**

Absences will be excused in the event of illness, emergency, death in the family, or official University business with the appropriate documentation. One (1) unexcused absence will be allowed, but each additional unexcused absence will lower your grade by 10%. Special circumstances (conflicting schedules, etc.) should be discussed with me in advance. If you have to miss class for a University approved reason, please send me an email or leave me a message on my cell phone 513.702.4046 before the absence.