

SYLLABUS–MUSC 3720A

Course Title: String Methods
Course No.: MUSC – 3720A
Room: FA 156
Times: M W 3:00 – 3:50 (fall - 2013)
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I. Course Objectives:

The student will understand the fundamentals of string teaching. Emphasis will be placed on developing technique on violin, viola, cello and double bass. Regular class attendance is required.

II. Written Assignments: One “Lesson”

The student will give a 10 - 15 minute lesson to another student on a chosen string instrument. The outline with specific objectives must be approved before the lesson.

III. Observations:

Each student will observe 3 hours of string classes (SGSP) and submit a one-page (~ 250 words) report for each (3 reports).

IV. Playing Tests:

The student will demonstrate proficiency on each of the four orchestral string instruments – 4 playing tests.

V. Examinations:

There will be three written tests given during the semester.

VI. Grading:

Three exams (15% each); three observation reports (5% each); four playing tests (5% each); one lesson (20%)

Grading Scale:

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

Less than 60 = F

VII. Class Discussion:

Encouraged but not required.

VIII. Attendance:

5% of your grade will be lost for each absence after the second absence. Tardy counts as a half-absence.

There is no food, drink, computer, or cell phones allowed in the classroom!!!

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