

**Western University, Canada
Don Wright Faculty of Music
9593a: Performance Research I**

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Course Objectives:

- Students will become familiar with the scholarship associated with performance research.
 - They will learn how to use resources such as a music library, internet repositories, musicological journals, and scholarly editions to their maximum potential.
 - They will develop strong, clear writing worthy of a professional musician.
 - They will gather confidence in speaking and writing about their art and their role as a professional musician.
- This course will foster a meaningful relationship between research and performance in the context of the larger community, building a strong connection between artist and audience.

Required Texts:

There are no required texts for this course.

Evaluation:

- Attendance / Participation in class discussions: 15%
- Annotated Bibliography (specific to instrument): 15%
- Edition Comparison: 15%
- Program Notes: 15%
- Career Plan (2, 5, and 10-year plans): 15%
- Independent Study Project: 25%
 - 20% Written Submission
 - 5% One-on-one discussion (10-minutes; sign up for a time)

Scholastic offences, including plagiarism, are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic offence, as found at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

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