Welcome! I hope you have all had a good summer. I am looking forward to working with you all!

This document lists pertinent information for your cello studies. Please read it carefully. Also, it is your responsibility to know all the contents of the UWO Music Performance Handbook. You can find it online at http://www.music.uwo.ca/departments/music-performance/handbook/index.html

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Music Building 319
Please do not text me unless you are unless you are running late for a lesson, or encountering a similar emergency.

LEARNING OUTCOME
During your year in this course, I wish for you to gain a greater love and understanding of the music you study, and the work process and skills by which you learn to perform it.

LESSONS
Cello lessons begin the week of September 9. The week of September 2, I will post a cello lesson sign-up sheet outside my studio door MB319. Please sign up for a lesson time. I give weekly lessons for all of my cello students. For Ivan, Heather and Isaac the lessons are ninety minutes. For all other students, the lessons are sixty minutes.

Unless you are sick the day of the lesson, you must call or email me at least 24 hours in advance to cancel a lesson. I am not obliged to make up lessons you have cancelled. I am obliged to make up lessons I have cancelled. If you cancel because you are sick, please notify me by email before the lesson’s start time. Please do not text me or call my cell phone unless it’s an emergency—like if you’re running late.

I expect you to show up on time for your lessons. If you are more than ten minutes late for a lesson, that lesson may be forfeited.

You must be warmed up for at least 20 minutes before playing in a lesson. I will not hear you before you are warmed up.

Normally, I will give you specific tasks to prepare for your next lesson. Your mark will depend in part on how you carry out those tasks.

Please bring the following to each lesson:

-a bound notebook for me to write in
-a separate, 3-ring binder with copies of the repertoire, studies and excerpts you play in the lesson. They should be neatly divided with tabs, and labeled. For the repertoire that includes piano, please Xerox the piano part which includes the cello part, not the cello part alone.

VISION STATEMENT
Each of you is required to submit a 360-word or shorter vision statement, articulating: a) what you would like to be doing professionally after you are finished your studies; and b) why you want to do it. The statement is due Monday, September 23. Submitting it late may impact your grade.

REQUIRED PURCHASES (if you don’t already have them)
-a good video+audio recording device
-a metronome/pitch device with drone for each pitch and pitch indicator, such as a Korg TMR-50, or equivalent technology on a smart phone app.
-a Bärenreiter edition of the Bach Suites
-Feuilliard’s Daily Exercises (Schott)
-Popper’s High School of Cello Playing, op. 73
PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Weekly performance classes are currently scheduled to be held Thursdays, at 7 p.m., lasting as long as 8:30 p.m., in Music Building 321, beginning September 12. We may need to change the time and place of the weekly classes. All undergraduate students in 1920, 2920, 3920, 3921, 4920 and 4921 must attend each class for sixty minutes. All others are encouraged and welcome to attend.

The final decision on who plays in class rests with me. If you want to play on a specific week, let me know. Near the beginning of each term, I will post a sheet outside my studio, announcing who plays when for the rest of term. It is your responsibility to be ready to play on the dates when your name appears. It is also your responsibility to prepare for your performance, once you have signed up for it.

If the piece you play in class requires a pianist, it is your responsibility to ensure the pianist is available for the class. If the pianist is not available, let me know at least two weeks in advance, so I can reschedule you when your pianist is available.

Each performer must provide five photocopies of the cello part for their colleagues to follow. Each performer must say a few words, without notes, about the work they are to play, providing historical context of the piece. If the performer repeats the same movement in a different class, or plays a different movement from the same work in a different class, they do not have to give another oral presentation about the work.

Normally, all pieces that are not sonatas or orchestral excerpts must be performed for memory in class. If you have any question whether your piece should be performed for memory, please consult me.

Each student must record their performances in class with a recording device. They should hear a recording of their performance within 48 hours after the class.

PIANISTS

If you are playing a degree recital this year, please consult me before booking a pianist.

Here are some pianists I recommend to play with you, including if you give a degree recital. You would have to pay them their rate:

Debbie Grigg
Natalia Skomorokhova
Yolanda Topia
Raymond Truong

If you need their contacts, please ask me.

Our Faculty of Music offers and undergraduate accompanying-for-credit program. If you need a pianist, and are not playing a degree recital this year, let me know before classes begin. I may be able to find a pianist through this program. Pianists in this program do not charge to play with you.

STUDIO RECITALS

I will attempt to book spaces for at least two recitals this year. Students play at least one movement of a piece they’re working on, or a short piece. Sometimes, some recitals feature only some of my cello students. Normally, each student plays at least once in a studio recital during the school year.

JURIES

All undergraduates must play a cello jury in December (Isaac and Heather) or April (all other undergraduates).

CONCERT ATTENDANCE

All undergraduate full-time music students in 1920, 2920, 3920, 3921, 4920 and 4921 are required to attend at least twelve performance events—concerts, operas, non-cello guest master classes—per school year. At the beginning of the school year, I will post a pouch outside my studio with concert attendance cards for you to collect (one for each of you). The cards have room for faculty signatures. The student is responsible to obtain a faculty signature either immediately following the event, or, by furnishing a program from the event, sometime soon thereafter. Among those required to fill out an attendance cards, cello students’ grades will be affected by their concert attendance card. The card comprises 3% of the final studio grade. Each signature is worth .25% of a grade. In other words, twelve signatures equal 3% credit. Four signatures would equal 1% credit. Concert attendance cards must be submitted to me no later than April 9, 2020.
**GRADING**

I will keep a weekly lesson log for each undergraduate. I will give each of you an unofficial studio grade at the end of each month. Your studio grade will be determined by your promptness and attendance for lessons, how receptive you are during lessons, how much you retain from lesson to lesson, and, when applicable, your concert attendance, as mentioned above. Normally, the studio portion of the undergraduate’s grade will be the average of all lesson grades during the term. I will give each of you a studio grade in December and April. Your performance class grade will be determined by your promptness and attendance for classes, how you participate in classes, and how you perform in the classes. The following is a breakdown of how grading is weighed for each undergraduate cello studio course number.

**Accommodation for Medical Illness**

In cases where students miss work that is worth 30% or less of the total course grade due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, if an online absence report is submitted using the new Self-Reporting Absence Portal, or if documentation is voluntarily submitted to the Associate Dean’s office and the Associate Dean deems that accommodation is warranted, then the missed assignment(s) or quiz(izes) may be discounted in the calculation of the final grade for the course. If documentation is not submitted voluntarily then the missed assignment(s) or quiz(izes) will receive a grade of zero.

In order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing more than 30% of the student’s overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation in the form of a completed and appropriately signed Student Medical Certificate (SMC) indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities, or the equivalent documentation for non-medical or compassionate grounds. Students seeking academic consideration must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence. Documentation, if required, shall be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate (TC210). Note that the new Self-Reporting Absence Portal may not be used for requesting academic relief for work worth more than 30%, or for Final Exams, including juries, scheduled during the official examination period. Students are directed to read the full Senate policy on accommodation for medical illness at the following website: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf)

A pdf copy of a Senate approved Student Medical Certificate (SMC) may be downloaded here: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)

Please consult the relevant information below.

I greatly look forward to our year together. Have a great 2019-20!!

Important dates for the school year, and final jury examination dates can be found at: [http://www.music.uwo.ca/departments/music-performance/handbook/dates.html](http://www.music.uwo.ca/departments/music-performance/handbook/dates.html)


**Accommodation for Medical Illness** The Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at: [https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdw/web/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/?cmd=logout](https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdw/web/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/?cmd=logout)

**Scholastic Offence**

Scholastic offences 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://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf](http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

**Mental Health**

Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to [https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/](https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

**Pre-requisites**

Students should note the following Senate regulation for ensuring that course prerequisites have been completed successfully or special permission from the Dean obtained: “Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.”