Course Outline: Applied Violin

(1920, 1925, 2920, 2921, 2925, 3920, 3925, 3921, 3929, 4920, 4921, 4923, 4929)

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Course Goals

1. Form and implement effective practice strategies and habits. This requires effective time management and discipline. The goal is to continually improve your practicing.
2. Improve technically on the violin:
   a. left hand: consistent position, develop a clear understanding of the fingerboard, and awareness of hand and body posture/balance.
   b. have a clear understanding of bow fundamentals (sounding point, arm weight or bow contact, and bow speed)
   c. Demonstrate a competent facility in the various bow stokes: detache, spiccato, and sautillé.
   d. Develop as a musician: reflect and decide what you want to say with your repertoire and express yourself in a passionate way.

Effective Lesson Preparation

1. Accurate intonation and rhythmic presence.
2. Demonstrates a clear understanding/awareness of technical concepts discussed.
3. Enthusiastic expression and phrasing.
4. Student is on time and warmed up.
5. Student shows eager, dedicated attitude.

Non-performance majors are expected to practice 1 ½ to 2 ½ hours a day.
Performance majors are expected to practice 3 to 5 hours a day.

Accompanists: Students are required to rehearse with accompanists on a regular basis and take responsibility to facilitate lesson involvement. Make a habit of giving your accompanist adequate notice of pending lessons, masterclasses, and studio recitals. A good accompanist is so important! Take care of the relationship!
Midterms, Studio Recitals, and Masterclasses

Term I midterm (week of October 25, 2021): You will perform one complete scale/arpeggio system, one doublestop, and one etude from the jury requirements. The scales, arpeggios, and doublestop will be performed expressively from memory.

Term I Studio Recital: This will occur sometime during the last three weeks of the term tba.

Term II Midterm: You will perform another scale/arpeggio system, one doublestop, and two orchestra excerpts from the jury requirements. (week of Feb. 7, 2022)

Term II Studio Recital: This will occur sometime during the last three weeks of the term tba.

Masterclasses: Courses ending in 25 and 29 not will receive a masterclass grade. Quality of performance, attendance, and class participation will influence the grade. All other students who do not receive a grade have an opportunity to improve their standing with convincing performances and participation.

Professionalism

Students are expected to behave in a professional manner. This means being enthusiastic, responsible, respectful, punctual, and dependable. When it is time to get a job your professors and peers may have an input with your perspective employers. Professionalism means being accountable and striving for your very best regardless of possible personal distractions and various life challenges. Now is the time for developing good habits. You are making an impression on your future colleagues. Make it a good one!

I. Notes:

i) Course Prerequisites: Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll 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.

ii) Grading scale: A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.
iii) **Academic Consideration for Student Absence:** Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student’s final grade. **Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus.** Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student’s final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. **Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.**

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office. For the Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see: [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)  
and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)

Special Note for Covid-19-related situations:

As a guideline, if a student has been contacted by the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) to self-quarantine due to a Covid-19-related situation, then the Self-Reported Absence system is not to be used to report this absence or to request an academic accommodation. The student should contact the Academic Counselling office as soon as they are notified.

In general, students are advised to not self-determine when to self-isolate. Unless directed by the MLHU students should go about their business as usual. But if a student chooses to self-isolate due to a suspected Covid-19-related situation while waiting to receive direction from the MLHU then the student is directed to contact the Academic Counselling office as soon as possible for further direction on receiving accommodation consideration.

iv) **Academic Consideration for Missing Work:** In cases where students are unable to submit work due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, if an online self-reported absence is submitted, or if appropriate supporting documentation is submitted to the Associate Dean’s office, and the accommodation is granted, then the missed assessments may be rescheduled or discounted in the calculation of the final grade for the course, at the discretion of the instructor. If neither a self-reported
absence nor an appropriate supporting document is submitted to the appropriate office, then the missed assignments will receive a grade of zero.

v) Academic Offences: Submission of work with which you have received help from someone else (other than the course instructor or TA) is an example of plagiarism, which is considered a major academic 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://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

vi) Mental Health & Wellness: Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to the Health and Wellness at Western page (https://www.uwo.ca/health/) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help or to go to the Wellness Education Centre located in UCC room 76. Students in crisis in need of immediate care are directed to go directly to Student Health Services in UC11 or to click on the green “I Need Help Now” button on the Health and Wellness page above.

vii) Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Students work with Accessible Education Western (AEW, formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf

viii) Religious Accommodation: Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar.

ix) Contingency Plan: In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online at the discretion of the course instructor.

x) Online Etiquette: Some components of this course may involve synchronous online interactions. To ensure the best experience for both you and your classmates, please honour the following rules of etiquette:
- Use your computer and/or laptop if possible (as opposed to a cell phone or tablet)
- “Arrive” to class on time
- Ensure that you are in a private location to protect the confidentiality of discussions in the event that a class discussion deals with sensitive or personal material
- To minimize background noise, kindly mute your microphone for the entire class until you are invited to speak, unless directed otherwise.
General considerations of “netiquette”:
- Keep in mind the different cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the students in the course.
- Be courteous toward the instructor, your colleagues, and authors whose work you are discussing.
- Be respectful of the diversity of viewpoints that you will encounter in the class and in your readings. The exchange of diverse ideas and opinions is part of the scholarly environment.

Note that disruptive behaviour of any type during online classes, including inappropriate use of the chat function, is unacceptable. Students found guilty of “Zoom-bombing” a class, or of other serious online offenses, may be subject to disciplinary measures under the Code of Student Conduct.