

Double Bass Studio

Course Outline, 2023-24

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Course Information

Applied Lessons, Double Bass: X920, 3924y, 9509/9584

Students enrolled in X920 and 9509/9584 will receive 12 50 minute lessons per semester.

Students enrolled in 3924y will receive 6 50 minute lessons per semester.

Attendance at performance classes (Masterclasses) is mandatory for students enrolled in 1920. All bass students are welcome to attend and participate.

Course Syllabus

Instructor will provide individual lessons in double bass performance. Instruction will be tailored to address the needs and interests of the student. Masterclasses will include performances by students with input and commentary from fellow students and myself, as well as chamber ensembles and other special events.

Course Materials

-A notebook

-metronome or metronome app

-electronic tuner or tuning app

-drone app, or recorded tracks on smartphone

-please print out or download to a tablet device “Canadian School of Double Bass Daily Exercises” and “Intervals, Chord Study, Scales”.

-Please keep a log of daily practice

Grading

I will keep a log of each lesson and will assign a grade at the end of each term based on attendance, effort, rate of improvement, retention of information and skills from one lesson to the next.

You will find the grading system here:

<http://music.uwo.ca/departments/music-performance/handbook/music-instruction.html>

Recordings

It's recommended that students record themselves as much as possible.

Collaborative Pianists

Students are encouraged to start working with an accompanist as soon as possible. You will be required to engage an accompanist for juries and recitals. A list of professional pianists in the London area can be found here:

<https://music.uwo.ca/about/resources/accompanists.html>

Absences and missed assignments due to illness

Please give 12 hours notice when cancelling a lesson. I am obliged to make up lessons I cancel and will make every effort to reschedule lessons cancelled by students, if possible.

Please see notes below:

i) Course Prerequisites: 1920 – None, 3924y-2920, 9509-None, 9584-9509. 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%.

Graduate: A=80-100%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, F=0-59%.

iii) Academic Consideration for Student Absence & Missing Work ($\geq 10\%$): Students are responsible for making up any missed classes or assignments as soon as possible. The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet their academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. Academic Consideration provides students with consistent, fair, and pedagogically appropriate consideration, without compromising the academic integrity of the course or program, when they have been unable to complete some component of a course due to short-term extenuating circumstances. Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions (physical or mental) that may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities are directed to seek Academic Accommodation through Accessible Education (Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities).

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible and no later than 48 hours after the end of the period of absence covered, to the Academic Counselling unit or Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate (TC210), of the student's Home Faculty together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the academic consideration being requested. Students are directed to read the Senate Policy on Academic Consideration for Medical Illness at the following website for further details regarding various requirements and procedures for the supporting documentation:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration.pdf

Whenever possible, students who require academic consideration should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.

iv) Academic Consideration for Missing Work ($< 10\%$): In cases where students miss work that is worth less than 10% of the total course grade due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, [insert an explanation to students concerning how you plan to address any missed assessments that fall below this % threshold in your specific course – note that you may not request medical or compassionate documentation directly from students]. Students who have been denied accommodation by an instructor may appeal this decision to the Associate Dean's office but will be required to present appropriate documentation.

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 Thames Hall room 2170. Students in crisis in need of immediate care are directed to go directly to Student

Health Services in Thames Hall 2170 or to click on the big green “I Need Help Now” button on the Health and Wellness page above.

vii) Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Students work with Accessible Education 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 (other than statutory 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. The Diversity Calendar from the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion provides information on multifaith, multicultural and diversity related holidays and observances and links to resources for more information. <https://www.edi.uwo.ca/resources/2816-2023-Diversity-Calendar-PDF.pdf>

ix) Contingency Plan: Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in-person, should any university-declared emergency require some or all of the course to be delivered 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 course will adapt accordingly. The grading scheme will not change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

x) Gender-Based and Sexual Violence: Western is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced sexual or gender-based violence, either recently or in the past, you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/get-help.html. To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca or call 519 661-3568.

xi) Evaluation Policy Exemption: This course has received an exemption from the requirement in the Senate Policy on Evaluation of Undergraduate Academic Performance that stipulates “At least three days prior to the deadline for withdrawal from a 1000- or 2000-level course without academic penalty, students will receive assessment of work accounting for at least 15% of their final grade.”