MUS 600L: String Instrumental Performance Practicum
Course Syllabus

Course Meeting Time: Thursdays, 2:50-3:30
Course Location: Patterson Hall (PH) 53

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Course Description: For instrumental pedagogy classes, this practicum meets once each week. Performance skills on the stringed instruments are cultivated.

Prerequisite: none.
Credit: 0 semester hours; the grade for MUS 600L will be incorporated into the grade of the appropriate pedagogy or conducting class.

Course outcomes: The String Instrumental Performance Practicum broadens students’ understanding of the technical playing demands of the violin and viola and increases their ability to perform as a member of a string ensemble.

Grading: The grade for the String Instrumental Performance Practicum will be incorporated into the grade of the pedagogy course for which the student is registered. Attendance and participation in each meeting of the performance practicum is taken into consideration for the performance practicum grade. Each performance practicum will be evaluated on 0-4 scale as follows:

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- 93-100 A
- 90-92 A-
- 87-89 B+
- 83-86 B
- 80-82 B-
- 77-79 C+
- 70-72 C
- 67-69 D+
- 63-66 D
- 60-62 D-
- Below 60 F

Students must attain a grade of B- or higher in their pedagogy class in order for it to count toward the music major or music minor.
**Attendance Policy:** The attendance policy in this course follows the College policy, which is outlined in the Westminster College Undergraduate Catalogue. Students are expected to attend all classes.

I may excuse absences for the following reasons: course-related field trips; illness that is documented by a doctor’s note (not including the “self-reported sick in room” notice from the Student Health Center); death or serious illness in the immediate family as is verified by someone other than the student; appearance in court; co-curricular and extracurricular activities recognized and/or sponsored by the College; or another extraordinary reason as deemed appropriate by me.

No food or drink is permitted during the performance Practicum.

**Academic Honesty:** This course conforms to Westminster College’s Academic Integrity policy as found in the student handbook.

**Student Support Services and Special Accommodations:** Students who have special needs that may affect their academic or personal life should seek resources on campus to assist them, such as Disability Support, the Learning Center, Diversity Services, and Library Instruction. In this course, accommodations consistent with college policy will be made for students who are utilizing appropriate support services. After consulting with the appropriate support service, students are encouraged to speak with me in a confidential appointment about necessary accommodations.

**Note on Cellphone Use:** Cellphones must be silenced during class. No texting is permitted.