

Common Course Outline
MUSA 140
Private Instruction: String Instruments
2 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Individual instruction in bowed string instruments. Recommended for students with little or no previous experience in music. An initial audition is required. A music fee of \$75.00 for a half-hour lesson per week must be paid in addition to tuition. Lesson times are arranged with individual instructors.

Overall Course Objectives

1. To develop the student's understanding of and the ability to perform the technical fundamentals associated with playing string instruments.
2. To develop student's expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To study stringed instrument repertoire appropriate to each student's level of accomplishment.

Major Topics

1. Technical fundamentals of string instrument playing: body, hand and arm position, fingering, bowing, articulation, etc.
2. Expressive nuances of string instrument playing: phrasing, stylistic interpretation, etc.
3. Encouragement to attend live performances featuring stringed instruments.
4. Listening assignments related to works being studied.
5. Effective preparation for weekly lessons and final juried performance.

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance at weekly private lessons.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of performance proficiency and musical growth by private instructor.
4. Final juried performance evaluation.

Other Course Information