

# **Common Course Outline**

MUSA 142

Applied Classical Viola II

2 or 4 Semester Hours

## **The Community College of Baltimore County**

### **Description**

Individual instruction in viola. Recommended for students who have had previous experience in music. An initial audition is required. A music fee of \$75.00 for a half-hour lesson per week (2 credits) or \$150.00 for a one-hour lesson per week (4 credits) must be paid in addition to tuition. Music majors are also required to attend a weekly repertoire class. Lesson times are arranged with individual instructors.

Prerequisite: MUSA 140 or written music program authorization.

### **Overall Course Objectives**

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

### **Major Topics**

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

### **Course Requirements**

1. Regular attendance at weekly private lessons and repertoire classes.
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**