

Common Course Outline

MUSA 144

Applied Classical String Bass II

2 or 4 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Individual instruction in string bass. 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 string bass.
2. To develop student's expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To study and perform string bass repertoire appropriate to each student's level of accomplishment.

Major Topics

1. Technical fundamentals of string bass playing: body, hand and arm position, fingering, bowing, articulation, etc.
2. Expressive nuances of string bass playing: phrasing, stylistic interpretation, etc.
3. Encouragement to attend live performances featuring bassists.
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