COURSE SYLLABUS

MUSI 5227-001

SECONDARY LESSONS IN STRINGS (Private Lesson)

Lesson Time to be Arranged with Professor Burton

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Course Number, Section Number, and Course Title:

MUSI 3191.003 SECONDARY LESSONS IN STRINGS (Private Lesson)

Time and Place of Class Meetings:

Applied Lesson: Individually Assigned; FA 304B

Description of Course Content:

Open only to music majors in the All-Level Instrumental (Orchestra Emphasis) Program. Applied.

Secondary Lessons in Strings is offered to the student in the form of private weekly instruction. Each lesson is one half-hour in length. The student will receive instruction in the fundamentals and techniques specific to cello. The student’s specific time is to be arranged with the instructor the first week of classes.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Student will be able to demonstrate correct Fundamental Posture including these components:

* Relaxed and balanced torso, grounded legs
* Relaxed shoulders and neck
* Correct and balanced head alignment

Student will be able to demonstrate control of these right hand skills described as components of proper physical setup:

* Correct bow hold
* Basic bow motions
* Basic bow strokes
* Drawing a straight bow
* Relaxed natural weight of the bow arm
* Bow control at tip and frog
* Basic string crossings

Student will be able to demonstrate control of these left hand skills described as components of a proper physical setup:

* Correct left hand shape
* Quickness and placement of fingers
* Correct and accurate basic shifting skills (first through fourth positions)
* Knowledge of fingerboard (first through fourth positions)
* Correct intonation

In addition to demonstrating physical control of the above components, the student will be able to successfully communicate each element through example teaching to the professor.

Student will be able to demonstrate basic reading skills on the instrument in the appropriate clef(s) required of the assigned instrument.

Requirements:

* Evidence of consistent progress by the student is expected. It is required that the student come to each lesson having completed the minimum level of preparation required.

Secondary Instrument Students: 1 hour of practice per day

* In general, this is the minimum time commitment required to achieve the results expected on an applied instrument. This practice must occur on a daily basis. It is not possible to skip practice days and then make up practice at a later time. Improvement on a musical instrument is cumulative – practice must occur daily.
  + Scales: to be practiced every day. They are the foundation of our technique and our repertoire and are an integral part of a daily practice routine.
  + Etudes and Technical Exercises: will be assigned on a weekly basis. They are very goal specific and should be practiced in this manner. If a student does not have a clear understanding of the manner in which a particular etude or exercise should be practiced, then they should immediately consult with a fellow student or make an appointment to review the question with instructor.
* The student must be warmed up for the lesson. If the student has evidently not warmed up for 30 minutes prior to the lesson, the Lesson Performance grade may be affected.
* Students are required to come to lessons with the instrument and bow in good working order and all materials organized for productive study.

Lesson Recordings:

Lessons can be recorded every week. On occasion, the instructor may choose to video record the lesson in place of audio recording. The goal of recording lessons is to develop an objective ear and perspective to carry into the practice room

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Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials:

* Electronic metronome and tuner
* Individual course assignments (solos and etude books) will be addressed at the first private lesson. It is the responsibility of the student to order assigned music at that time. Additional work requiring music purchases may be assigned as the semester progresses. It is the responsibility of the student to order assigned music promptly for each new assignment.
* CD and/ or DVD recordings as assigned. Purchase of one or more CD’s and / or DVD’s may be required each semester.

Descriptions of Major Assignments and Examinations with Due Dates:

Midterm Exam (Scale and Technique Exam)

Date TBD, FA 304B, to occur during the student’s regular private lesson time that week.

Requirements to be determined by TBD.

Final Performance Project:

Presented during the student’s private lesson time that week.

Title IX: The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to upholding U.S. Federal Law “Title IX” such that no member of the UT Arlington community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. For more information, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX).

Attendance Policy:

Students must attend all lessons. Mid Term Exams and Final Performance Project will not be made up.

If a student is more than 10 minutes late to a lesson, the lesson will be canceled and considered unexcused. The lesson will not be made up.

Grading Policy:

Midterm: 10%

Final Performance Project: 10%

Lesson Performance: 80%

Final grade is based on performance in these main areas:

Lesson Performance:

The student should come to each lesson prepared to perform all assigned materials including scales, exercises, etudes, solo materials, and excerpts. Evidence of consistent progress is required. Responsiveness and focus are required in each lesson. The student is expected to follow directions quickly and to be receptive to instruction. Failure to meet any of these expectations will result in a lower grade.

Please no gum, no drinks, and no food in studio during the lesson. Cellular phones must be turned off. Professional/business casual attire please.

Midterm Exam:

Specific repertoire and technical materials will be assigned by the instructor at the beginning of and possibly throughout the semester. The student is required to perform the assigned materials at a level considered competent by the instructor.

Final Performance Project:

Student will be required to present a Final Performance Project at the end of the semester. The student will be evaluated according to the criteria listed in the Student Learning Outcomes.

Grade Grievances: Any appeal of a grade in this course must follow the procedures and deadlines for grade-related grievances as published in the current University Catalog.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

Disability Accommodations: UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD) [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS) [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

Non-Discrimination Policy: *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit*[*uta.edu/eos*](http://www.uta.edu/hr/eos/index.php)*.*

Title IX Policy: The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit* [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or <jmhood@uta.edu>.

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Campus Carry: Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located down the hall in either direction. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/learning-center/tutoring/index.php), [major-based learning centers](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/college-based-clinics-labs.php), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/advising.php), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-support/mcnair/index.php). For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

The IDEAS Center (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers free tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email [IDEAS@uta.edu](mailto:IDEAS@uta.edu) or call (817) 272-6593.

The English Writing Center (411LIBR): The Writing Center Offers free tutoring in 20-, 40-, or 60-minute face-to-face and online sessions to all UTA students on any phase of their UTA coursework. Our hours are 9 am to 8 pm Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-3 pm Fri. and Noon-6 pm Sat. and Sun. Register and make appointments online at http://uta.mywconline.com. Classroom Visits, workshops, and specialized services for graduate students are also available. Please see [www.uta.edu/owl](http://www.uta.edu/owl) for detailed information on all our programs and services.

The Library’s 2nd floor Academic Plaza offers students a central hub of support services, including IDEAS Center, University Advising Services, Transfer UTA and various college/school advising hours. Services are available during the library’s hours of operation. <http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza>

Course Schedule  
The course schedule is weekly lessons on technique and scales, beginning repertoire and advanced repertoire under study. Each week is a progression of technique and repertoire based on the progression of each student’s abilities.

Emergency Phone Numbers: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at 817-272-3003 (non-campus phone), 2-3003 (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381