**MUSI-3261-M01 Strings Methods**

**Term: 2015 Fall**

**Slider Humanities Building 102 09:30 AM – 10:45 AM TR**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

MUS 3261 is designed to help music education students learn how to teach each of the string instruments in a public school setting. Students will discover how to do this most effectively by learning first-hand how to play each of the instruments himself or herself to a basic level.

**TEXTS**

• Various beginning string method books (TBA).

**EDUCATION PROGRAM PREPARATION**

This course is required for content preparation in P-12, Secondary, Middle Grades and Elementary Education Program(s) and prepares teacher candidates with the knowledge base for MUSIC required in the Kentucky Core Academic Standards and the College Career Readiness Standards. The Conceptual Framework for the Education Program, "Teacher as Leader for the 21st Century", is incorporated. The Division of Humanities and Fine Arts works with the Education Program in preparing the teacher candidates with the knowledge base required to meet Kentucky Teacher Standard I and the Education Program Student Learning Outcome for Content Knowledge. Teacher candidates will be equipped to teach P-12 students and meet requirements for Unbridled Learning.

**DIVISION OF EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Knowledge: Candidates demonstrate in-depth understanding of processes, concepts, knowledge, and 21st century skills in their content area(s).

**ESSENTIAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

This course addresses the following Lindsey Wilson College essential student learning outcomes. Specific assessment tasks associated with these outcomes are noted on the chart at the end of the syllabus.

1. Develop effective skills of inquiry and analysis (creative inquiry)

4. Become culturally aware, engaged citizens of the nation and the world (communicate across cultural boundaries, ethical reasoning)

5. Learn to apply and integrate knowledge (application and integration)

**OBJECTIVES**

To prepare the student to teach the string instruments at the elementary and secondary levels. In order to do this, the student will learn:

• Teaching strategies for the string instruments.

• How to play each of the string instruments to a basic level of proficiency:

• How to hold and finger the instrument correctly and most efficiently.

• How to play basic scales.

• How to produce various tones.

• How string instruments work.

• The function of different bowing styles, how to teach it, and how to diagnose problems.

• Where to find sources of information on string instruments and pedagogy.

**TEACHING/LEARNING METHODS**

Performance of the string instruments, readings, lectures, handouts, teaching assignments, and observations.

**PRACTICE**

Playing time in class is very limited, and the student is exposed to each instrument for only a few weeks at a time. Therefore, daily private practice outside of class is critical. Students are required to practice at least **20 minutes each day, five days per week**, outside of class time, for a **total of 100 minutes per week.**

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Prompt attendance at all class sessions is required. **Each unexcused absence beyond two may result in a one-letter grade deduction.** Two unexcused tardies are the equivalent of one unexcused absence. Valid excuses include official school events, illness, and emergency. Work and homework excuses are not acceptable excuses. All absences should be reported to the instructor either prior to a scheduled event or within one week afterward if the absence was unforeseen. **Students are responsible for the acquisition and completion of all materials and** **activities missed during an absence.**

**ASSIGNMENTS/LATE WORK POLICY**

All playing assignments must be prepared ahead of time. **Late written assignments may not be accepted past the due date.**

**PLAYING TESTS**

Playing quizzes will be held periodically to ensure that the student is practicing consistently outside of class.

**WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND QUIZZES**

Short written assignments and quizzes may be given periodically to check on the student's grasp of the conceptual material.

**TEACHING DEMONSTRATIONS**

Several times during the semester, each student will teach a beginning-level lesson on string instruments to another less experienced student and **record** two of the lessons. Before submitting the video, student should view the video and write a critique of his/her own teaching. The first critique and video are due **Thursday, 8 October** and the second on **Thursday, 3 December**.

**TEACHING OBSERVATIONS**

Each student will be required to observe several string lessons during the semester. An observation report is required after each lesson.

**OUTSIDE STRING PERFORMANCES**

Each student will be expected to attend two string recitals, master classes, or other special events that feature string players. This includes, but is not limited to, student and faculty recitals, as well as guest string recitals and master classes. The student must turn in a signed program from each event, with a one-page, single-spaced review.

**COURSE NOTEBOOK**

The course notebook is to be compiled and handed in at the end of the semester for evaluation. The notebook should consist of class notes, assigned papers, reports, etc. in addition to materials collected on your own.

**GRADING**

30% Playing tests

10% Assignments and concert attendances

10% Quizzes

20% Teaching demonstrations

10% Teaching observations

10% Course notebook

10% Final exam

**GRADING SCALE**

A 90-100

B 80-90

C 70-80

D 60-70

F 59 and below

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### STATEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SYLLABUS

### 2015-2016

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is essential to the existence of an academic community. Every student is responsible for fostering a culture of academic honesty, and for maintaining the integrity and academic reputation of Lindsey Wilson College. Maintaining a culture that supports learning and growth requires that each student make a commitment to the fundamental academic values: honesty, integrity, responsibility, trust, respect for self and others, fairness and justice.

To foster commitment to academic integrity, faculty are asked to require each student to place and sign the following Honor Code on tests, exams and other assignments as appropriate: **On my honor as a student, I have neither given nor received any unauthorized aid on this assignment/exam.**

Violations of the academic integrity policy include cheating, plagiarism or lying about academic matters. Plagiarism is defined as any use of another writer’s words, concepts, or sequence of ideas without acknowledging that writer by the use of proper documentation. Not only the direct quotation of another writer’s words, but also any paraphrase or summary of another writer’s concepts or ideas without documentation is plagiarizing that writer’s materials. Academic dishonesty is a profoundly serious offense because it involved an act of fraud that jeopardizes genuine efforts by faculty and students to teach and learn together. It is not tolerated at Lindsey Wilson College.

Students who are determined to have plagiarized an assignment or otherwise cheated in their academic work or examinations may expect an “F” for the activity in question or an “F” for the course, at the discretion of the instructor. All incidents of cheating or plagiarism are reported by the instructor to the Academic Affairs Office along with copies of all relevant materials. Each instance of cheating or plagiarism is counted separately. A student who cheats or plagiarizes in two assignments or tests during the same semester will be deemed guilty of two offenses. If the evidence is unclear, or if a second offense occurs, the VP for Academic Affairs or Associate Dean will work in cooperation with the Dean of Students to move the student before the campus Judicial Board for review. Violations will ordinarily result in disciplinary suspension or expulsion from the College, depending on the severity of the violation involved. **Note:** The College encourages the use of Safe Assign to detect plagiarized documents.

**Questioning a Grade -- The Student Academic Complaint Policy**

A student, who wishes to question **an assignment grade, or other academic issue**, should follow the procedure below:

1. Whenever possible, the student will first go to the faculty member who has assigned the disputed grade. Complaints regarding grades should be made within seven (7) days of receipt of the disputed grade and, if possible, will be decided by the faculty member within seven (7) days of receipt. If the disputed grade is the final grade for the course, “receipt” is defined by when the final grade is posted online by the registrar. (Please refer to the next section for appealing a final grade.)

2. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the student may, within seven (7) days request in writing a review of such decision by the Chair of the division in which the grade was assigned. Upon receipt of such request, that Chair will direct the faculty member and the student to each submit, within seven (7) days, if possible, a written account of the incident, providing specific information as to the nature of the dispute.

3. Upon receipt of these written accounts, the Chair will meet, if possible, within seven (7) days with the faculty member and the student in an effort to resolve the dispute and will render his or her decision in writing.

4. If either the student or the faculty member desires to appeal the decision of the Division Chair, the student or faculty member may, within seven (7) days by written request to the chair, ask that the matter be reviewed by a Grade Appeals Panel convened by the Academic Affairs Office.

5. If the disputed grade is assigned at the end of a fall or spring semester and the student and faculty member cannot meet to resolve the issue, the student should contact the faculty member by e-mail within seven (7) days of receipt of the disputed grade. If the issue cannot be resolved by e-mail within the time limit, steps 2, 3 and 4 of the appeal may extend into the beginning of the semester immediately following receipt of the disputed grade by following the timeline above.

A student who wishes to question a **final grade** should follow the procedure below:

1. Confer with the faculty member who assigned the disputed grade.

2. If the disputed grade cannot be resolved, a written request for a grade appeal must be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office before the first day of the semester following the one in which the grade was issued. The written request must include the specific basis for the appeal.

3. The Academic Affairs Office will convene a Grade Appeals Panel, comprised of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Associate Academic Dean, and the chair of the academic unit which houses the course for which the grade is appealed. If one of the members is the faculty member who issued the grade, an alternate will be appointed. The student and the faculty member may appear separately before the panel to explain their positions. The hearing is non-adversarial. Neither the faculty member nor the student may be accompanied by other individuals to the meeting of the Grade Appeals Panel. The Grade Appeals Panel will notify the student of its decision, if possible, within seven (7) days of the meeting.

**Policy for Verification of Student Identity and Protection of Privacy**

In compliance with United States Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Public Law 110-315, all credit-bearing courses and programs offered through distance learning methods must verify that the student who registers for a distance education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives academic credit.  One or more of the following methods must be used:

        a)  A secure login and pass code;

        b)  Proctored examinations; and/or

        c) Remote proctoring of one of more examinations using Tegrity or other technologies

Verification of student identity in distance learning must protect the privacy of student information.  Personally identifiable information collected by the College may be used, at the discretion of the institution, as the basis for identity verification.  For instance, a student requesting that their learning system password be reset may be asked to provide two or more pieces of information for comparison with data on file. It is a violation of College policy for a student to give his or her password to another student.

Detailed information on privacy may be located at: <http://www.lindsey.edu/media/319883/Online%20Services%20Privacy%20Policy%204.20.12.pdf>

**Institutional Review Board (IRB) Policies**

The Lindsey Wilson College Institutional Review Board (IRB) safeguards the rights and welfare of human participants in research and other research activities. Lindsey Wilson College faculty, staff, and students, which comprise its academic unites, and facilities, are subject to the IRB policies. This includes any research for which a research agreement (e.g. MOU) identifies Lindsey Wilson College Institutional Review Board (IRB) as the IRB of record. All student-led human subject research mush have a LWC faculty sponsor. All faculty members and students conducting human subject research are required to submit documentation of training on research involving human subjects that has been completed within two years of the onset of the proposed research. Online training is available at http://php.nihtraining.com/users/login.php.

**Statement on Learning/Physical Disabilities**

Lindsey Wilson College accepts students with learning disabilities and provides reasonable accommodation to help them be successful. Depending on the nature of the disability, some students may need to take a lighter course load and may need more than four years to graduate. Students needing accommodation should apply as early as possible, usually before May 15. Immediately after acceptance, students need to identify and document the nature of their disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to provide to the College appropriate materials documenting the learning disability, usually a recent high school Individualized Education Program (IEP) and results from testing done by a psychologist, psychiatrist, or qualified, licensed person. The College does not provide assessment services for students who may be learning disabled. Although LWC provides limited personal counseling for all students, the College does not have structured programs available for students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. For more information, call Ben Martin at 270-384-7479.

**Academic Success Center**

The Academic Success Center, located in the Everett Building, offers peer tutoring to aid students in completing class assignments, preparing for exams and improving their understanding of content covered in a particular course. In addition, computers are available for student use.

Students are encouraged to utilize this Center as a resource for improving study strategies and reading techniques. The Center also offers assistance with other academic problems resulting from documented learning disabilities. All services are free of charge to all Lindsey Wilson College students (students with learning disabilities are responsible for providing documentation from an appropriate outside professional source such as a professional evaluation or school IEP). Please contact Maretta Garner, Tutor Coordinator at 384-8037 for further information and assistance.

**Writing Center and Mathematics Center**

The Writing Center (located in the Slider Humanities & Fine Arts Building), and the Mathematics Center (located in the Fugitte Science Building) are available for specialized tutoring at no charge to students. Please contact Jared Odd, Writing Center Coordinator, at 384-8209 or Linda Kessler, Math Tutor Coordinator, at 384-8115 for further information and assistance.

**Final Exams**

Final Exams for day classes are scheduled for the Fall 2015 semester on **December 7-11 and May 4-8** for the Spring 2016 semester. The academic calendar, which contains the schedule for finals, is in the College Catalog and course schedule listing. Please make any necessary flight arrangements **after** the final exam week. **Students will not be permitted to take early finals** unless extenuating circumstances exist. “Extenuating circumstance” means illness, a verified family emergency or participation in officially sponsored travel in support of an event arranged by the College. **Travel arrangements must be made in sufficient time** that tickets may be obtained after final exams and the semester is officially over. All requests for early finals must be made in person to the Academic Affairs Office.

**Email Policy**

All Lindsey Wilson College students are required to communicate with LWC faculty and staff via LWC (Lindsey.edu) email addresses only. Alternative email addresses should not be used when communicating with LWC faculty and staff.

**Cell Phone Policy**

Student cell phones will be off during class time unless prior arrangement is made with the instructor.

**Adding/Dropping a Course**

Students enrolled in the following courses cannot drop these classes during the semester: READ 0713, 0723, 0733, 0903, 1013 and 1023; STSK 1003; ENGL 0903 and 0904; and ESL 0803, 0804 and 0854.

For undergraduate classes at the Columbia campus, adding a course, dropping a course, or changing from one section of a course to another section of the same course requires the approval of the advisor and the instructor for each course involved as indicated on the Add/Drop Form. The change must be reported to the Business Office and the Registrar's Office on an Add/Drop Form, which may be obtained from the Registrar's Office. For AIM courses, adding a course, dropping a course, or changing from one section of a course to another section of the same course requires the approval of the Director of the Evening Program. For courses taught at Community sites, adding a course, dropping a course, or changing from one section of a course to another section of the same course requires the approval of the Site Coordinator for the campus. Permission to add courses will not be given after the last date for late registration. Authorization for dropping a course will not be approved after more than 75% of the instructional days for a course are completed, as outlined below:

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| **Course** | **Deadline** | **Submitted by the Student to** |
| Columbia undergraduate and graduate full semester courses | Not later than 30 days before the end of the semester | Registrar |
| AIM courses | By the sixth week of class | Registrar |
| Courses at Community Campuses | By the third weekend of class | Site Coordinator or the Registrar |

If changes are not properly approved and officially reported as stated above, students will receive a grade of F in the courses for which they are officially registered, and they will be charged for all such courses. Students will not receive credit for changed or added courses unless they officially register for those courses.