



# Course Descriptions

## Instrumental Music

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### **Instrumental Music I**

*10.0 Credits, Prerequisite: Audition and Acceptance by Instrumental Music Faculty*

This 10-credit, first level course for all instrumental music students will introduce the fundamentals of instrumental music. Within their individual area of focus: strings, woodwinds, brass/percussion, piano or guitar, the student will develop beginning techniques required to perform on their chosen instrument. Rhythm, scales, dynamics, articulation, and notation will all be introduced. Ear training and musical interpretation will be emphasized as well as the development of individual practice strategies. The study of music history and theory will be included in this performance class. All students will participate in both ensemble and solo performances. Performance and participation in extracurricular instrumental music ensembles is highly recommended.

### **Instrumental Music II**

*10.0 Credits, Prerequisite: Instrumental Music I*

This is a 10-credit, level two course for all instrumental music students continues to develop the skills that students started to build in the level one course. Within their specific instrumental areas, students will advance their technical and artistic skills through applied lessons. The development of individual practice strategies will be emphasized since practice and preparation time is required outside of the class. Rhythm, scales, dynamics, articulation and notation will continue to be developed. Ear training and musical interpretation skills will be sharpened. The continued study of music history and theory will be included in this class. All students will participate in ensemble and solo performances. Performance and participation in extracurricular instrumental music ensembles is highly recommended.

### **Instrumental Music III**

*10.0 Credits, Prerequisite: Instrumental Music I, II*

This is a 10-credit, level three course for all instrumental music students. Students, within their specific instrumental music area will be expected to devote a significant

amount of time to practice and preparation outside of class. Continued artistic and technical skill development will occur along with strengthening ear training and musical interpretation skills. Advanced studies of music history and theory will be included in this class. All students will participate in ensemble and solo performances. Performance and participation in extracurricular instrumental music ensembles is highly recommended.

## **Instrumental Music IV**

*10.0 Credits, Prerequisite: Instrumental Music I, II, III*

This is 10 credit, level four course for all instrumental music students will provide an opportunity for advanced students to further their artistic and technical skills within their specific instrumental areas. Continued concentration on technique, rhythm, dynamics, notation, and ear training are integral to this course. The study of music history and theory will be included in this performance class. All students will participate in ensemble and solo performances. Performance and participation in extracurricular instrumental music ensembles is highly recommended.