



# El Camino College

## COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD - Official

### I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

**Subject and Number:** Music 564  
**Descriptive Title:** String Ensembles for the Older Adult

**Course Disciplines:** Music

**Division:** Fine Arts

**Catalog Description:** These ensembles for the older adult rehearse and perform literature written for combinations of string instruments. The ensembles include trios, quartets, quintets, and larger ensembles, and may be combined with non-string instruments to complete the instrumentation appropriate to the selected literature. Emphasis is placed on stylistic and historical performance practices, instrumental techniques, and musicianship. Performances are held on campus and in the community.

**Conditions of Enrollment:** Enrollment Limitation

Audition (previous orchestra experience or ability to perform music of moderate difficulty on a standard orchestral string instrument)

**Course Length:** ☒ Full Term ☐ Other (Specify number of weeks):  
**Hours Lecture:** 2.00 hours per week ☒ TBA  
**Hours Laboratory:** 0 hours per week ☐ TBA  
**Course Units:** 0

**Grading Method:** No Grade  
**Credit Status** Non Credit

**Transfer CSU:** ☐ No  
**Transfer UC:** ☐ No

**General Education:**

**El Camino College:**

**CSU GE:**

**IGETC:**

### II. OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

**A. COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (The course student learning outcomes are listed below, along with a representative assessment method for each. Student learning outcomes are not subject to review, revision or approval by the College Curriculum Committee)**

1. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate the ability to execute correct pitches and rhythms according to the stylistic performance practices of a given piece of string instrument chamber music appropriate for older adult musicians.
2. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate elements of proper string instrument playing techniques appropriate for older adult musicians in a performance of a given piece of string instrument chamber music.
3. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate the ability to correctly identify and interpret terminology and symbols for articulation, dynamics and form, and perform them in a given piece of string instrument chamber music appropriate for older adult musicians.

The above SLOs were the most recent available SLOs at the time of course review. For the most current SLO statements, visit the El Camino College SLO webpage at <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/slo/>.

**B. Course Student Learning Objectives (The major learning objective for students enrolled in this course are listed below, along with a representative assessment method for each)**

1. Identify and integrate principles of proper string playing including posture, instrument position, arm position and holding the bow as appropriate to the older adult anatomy and physiology.  
Performance exams
2. Demonstrate (perform) elements of proper string playing techniques including tone production, intonation, vibrato, bowing on and off the string, tremolo, and pizzicato.  
Performance exams
3. Demonstrate rhythm and pitch accuracy at various levels of dynamics.  
Performance exams
4. Independently produce and identify intervals, harmonic structures, and melodic phrases.  
Performance exams
5. Develop aural awareness and musical expressiveness to factors contributing to intonation, balance and blend.  
Performance exams
6. Define and correctly respond to terminology and symbols for tempi, bowing, phrasing, and musical expression appropriate to the music.  
Performance exams
7. Analyze structure and form in music.  
Oral exams
8. Demonstrate effective standards of conduct, attitude, rehearsal techniques, and nonverbal musical communication with ensemble members.  
Performance exams
9. Identify, differentiate, and integrate historical styles and performance practices, interpretative choices, and effective expression in performance.  
Performance exams

10. Integrate rehearsal experience into an artistic performance.

Performance exams

11. Explore personal interests in music and enhance expression and physical well-being as appropriate to the older adult.

Performance exams

**III. OUTLINE OF SUBJECT MATTER (Topics are detailed enough to enable a qualified instructor to determine the major areas that should be covered as well as ensure consistency from instructor to instructor and semester to semester.)**

Lecture or Lab	Approximate Hours	Topic Number	Major Topic
Lecture	2	I	Audition Assignment to appropriate instrument groupings according to instrument, ability, and experience
Lecture	6	II	Sight reading and evaluation of representative literature
Lecture	12	III	Development of aural perception, music reading, instrumental techniques, and ensemble skills 1. pitch and rhythm notation 2. dynamics and articulation symbols 3. tone production for the older adult musician a. bow arm and wrist flexibility b. vibrato 1. hand flexibility 4. intonation
Lecture	16	IV	Rehearsal of selected materials Refinement of ensembles skills and musical communication 1. musical form 2. balance and blend 3. non verbal communication 4. historical performance practices
<b>Total Lecture Hours</b>		36	
<b>Total Laboratory Hours</b>		0	
<b>Total Hours</b>		36	

**IV. PRIMARY METHOD OF EVALUATION AND SAMPLE ASSIGNMENTS**

**A. PRIMARY METHOD OF EVALUATION:**

Skills demonstrations

**B. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENT USING PRIMARY METHOD OF EVALUATION:**

The student will be evaluated by skill demonstration based on the course objectives through class and public performances. Perform the accompaniment from the fourth movement of Mozart's "Eine kleine nachtmusik" demonstrating

proper on and off string bowing, bow direction and speed, instrumental technique, and expressive phrasing.

**C. COLLEGE-LEVEL CRITICAL THINKING ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. -

2. -

**D. OTHER TYPICAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION METHODS:**

**V. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS**

Demonstration

Discussion

Group Activities

Guest Speakers

Laboratory

Multimedia presentations

**Note: In compliance with Board Policies 1600 and 3410, Title 5 California Code of Regulations, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Sections 504 and 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, instruction delivery shall provide access, full inclusion, and effective communication for students with disabilities.**

**VI. WORK OUTSIDE OF CLASS**

Skill practice

Problem solving activities

Observation of or participation in an activity related to course content

**Estimated Independent Study Hours per Week: 4**

**VII. TEXTS AND MATERIALS**

**A. UP-TO-DATE REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS**

**B. ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOKS**

**C. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS**

**D. OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS**

Music instrument and accessories to be provided by the student. Some school instruments and accessories may be available by arrangement with the instructor.  
Music scores provided by the college.

**VIII. CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT**

**A. Requisites (Course and Non-Course Prerequisites and Corequisites)**

Requisites	Category and Justification
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**B. Requisite Skills**

Requisite Skills
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**C. Recommended Preparations (Course and Non-Course)**

Recommended Preparation	Category and Justification
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**D. Recommended Skills**

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**E. Enrollment Limitations**

Enrollment Limitations and Category	Enrollment Limitations Impact
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**Course created by Dane Teter on 02/02/2007.**

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