



Pacific University
College of Arts & Sciences
Department of Music

MUS 248: Methods and Materials-Orchestra Spring 2024

Class Days & Times: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:05 p.m.

Students will attend three additional classes on following Thursdays: January 31, February 1, and February 8

Room: TMA Room 120

Credits: 2.00 CEU

Prerequisites: None

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Course Objective:

This course is designed to provide music education students with knowledge and practical skills needed for successful teaching music through performance in orchestra. The theoretical component of the course will cover the history of string instruments and orchestra education in the United States, in addition to the insights on how to direct successful orchestra programs including the tips on recruitment, advocacy, and use of technology. The practical component of the course will provide students with insights into string pedagogy as applied to teaching orchestra instruments in group settings at all three levels of skill development: the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Additionally, the course will provide students with knowledge and skills needed for conducting successful rehearsals with the tips for selecting, analyzing, and preparing orchestra music for the purpose of teaching it to school aged students. Field experience consisting of observing String Project classes will round up learning in this course and make it more related to the real world of teaching.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills needed for teaching foundational, intermediate, and advanced playing techniques to string students at three levels of schooling (elementary, middle, and high school), while using varied sound string pedagogy approaches/methods.

Students will demonstrate the knowledge of content of major method books for teaching strings in group settings at three levels of schooling (elementary, middle, and high school).

Students will demonstrate the knowledge of repertoire for school orchestras at three levels of schooling (elementary, middle, and high school) and will be able to analyze musical score for teaching purposes.

Students will demonstrate playing skills needed for playing Twinkle Variations, Twinkle Theme, and other applicable shorter pieces of music on violin.

Students will be able to write a meaningful observation of the String Project class.

List of Assignments:

- Weekly watching of videos and bringing questions to the class
- Weekly teaching demonstrations of various playing techniques
- Textbook and other reading assignments summaries on SPUNKI form
- Written pedagogy tests (three)
- MIDTERM EXAM: Method book analysis/presentation & demonstration of teaching steps (Date: April 2)
- One observation of the String Project class
- Regular practicing of the violin so that student can follow instruction with deeper understanding
- FINAL EXAM (Date: TBA):
 - Take home written
 - Score analysis
 - Advanced organizer
 - Trouble shooting organizer
 - “Conducting Rehearsal”

For dates specific to each assignment see the Moodle page for MUS 248/327.

Required Textbooks:

Hamann, L. D. & Gillespie, R. (2018) *Strategies for Teaching Strings: Building a Successful String and Orchestra Program* (4th ed.)

Crock, W., Dick, W., & Scott, L. (2016) *Learning Together Violin Book 1*

Required Materials/Technology:

- Instrument with the bow, case, and rosin
- Laptop
- Notebook/pencil for taking notes

Attendance Competency:

This course is designed to cover a vast amount of learning materials in a limited period of time, and REGULAR and PROMPT ATTENDANCE is of paramount importance to success in this course.

The class will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.. Students are expected to be ready for the class at least three minutes before that time with instrument tuned, the text-book, method books, and laptop ready on their desks.

NO TARDINESS will be accepted. Arriving to the class after the class begins will result in a half absence. NO EXCEPTIONS!

SAVE your excused absences for **true** emergencies only.

Excused absence is the one that is due to illness or family emergency. In order to avoid lowering student’s grade due to absence student will have to: a) notify Dr. Ihas before class starts (email or phone) and b) will need to provide written note from the doctor (in case of illness) or written statement from family member.

In case of COVID type emergency student must follow Pacific University protocols.

Final Exam Date:

TBA

Grading:

Your grade will be based on an accumulation of points of your attendance and assignments. All grades are equally based out of 100 %. The grading scale is as follows:

A	95-100			A -	90-94
B +	87-89	B	83-86	B -	80-82
C +	77-79	C	73-76	C -	70-72
D +	67-69	D	65-66		
F	64 or bellow				

Classroom Conduct:

- Students should come to class prepared and with a positive attitude. Part of preparation is to watch video and bring to class questions.

- Students should actively participate in class activities and discussions.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off. If a student uses these items during class, the student will be asked to leave the class and will be marked absent.
- No gum, food, or beverages (except water) are allowed during the class (please).
- Only polite and kind language is permitted in this class.

This syllabus and course agenda is subject to change, with advance notice, at the discretion of the instructor.

Academic Misconduct Policy

Pacific University has no tolerance for academic misconduct/cheating. It is university policy that all acts of misconduct and dishonesty be reported to the Dean's office. Sanctions that may be imposed for such misconduct range from an "F" for the assignment, an "F" for the course, and suspension or dismissal from the university. Forms of academic misconduct include but are not limited to plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, tampering with grades, forging signatures, and using electronic information resources in violation of acceptable use policies.

Support Services for Students with Disabilities

If you have documented challenges that will impede your learning in any way, please contact our Office of Accessibility and Accommodations in Clark Hall (ext.2717; lss@pacificu.edu). Staff will meet with students, review the documentation of their disabilities, and discuss the services that Pacific offers and any appropriate ADA accommodations for specific courses.

The Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS)

The Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS) is located on the second floor of the Tran Library overlooking the lobby. CLASS is an open study space that offers individual tutoring, group tutoring, and guided study sessions for students. CLASS has peer tutors available from 10 a.m. through 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Appointments are strongly encouraged, but not required. Check the schedule for up-to-date availability of tutors, drop-in hours, or to make an appointment: pacificu.edu/class

Unauthorized Recordings

Students are prohibited from making audio and/or visual recordings of lectures or presentations without prior consent of the instructor or presenter.

Statement About the Use of Generative AI:

Students must obtain permission from the instructor before using ChatGPT or other artificial intelligence tools to complete assignments. Once permission is granted, AI may only be used as directed. Assignment submissions may be checked for possible AI use using AI detectors. Unauthorized use may result in a failing grade or a request to resubmit.

