

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Communication and Arts**  
**Music Department**

**Course Number and Title**

MUSI 2552, Teaching Methods-Strings

**Catalog Description**

Class instruction in teaching methods for beginners on string instruments. Required for instrumental music majors as preparation for teaching a beginning orchestra.

**Prerequisites**

None

**Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours**

2 Credit Hours / 2 Contact Hours / 2 Load Hours

**Target Audience/Transferability**

Instrumental music majors. This transfers as a 2-hour music course to most universities. It is required at most schools for instrumental majors.

**General Education Outcome(s)**

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- Students demonstrate competency in teaching beginning lessons on instruments in the specified family of instruments.
- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
  - Students analyze needs of individual students while also considering the needs of a class of such individuals.
- Students can read at the appropriate level of education and describe the main ideas and supporting details. Students can evaluate written materials objectively.
  - Students analyze compositions and demonstrate ability to read notation designed specifically for individual instruments in the specified family of instruments.

**Topics**

Instruments in specified family and playing techniques peculiar to each. Sample topics will include embouchure, breathing techniques, fingering patterns, stick techniques, reeds and reed-making, among others.

**Assessment**

Tests for this course will consist of playing checks on the instruments in the specified families that will highlight the skills listed under Topics above. As with private lesson juries, scores on playing tests will be used to assess the effectiveness of the courses.

**Required Materials**  
None