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**Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development**  
**Department of Teaching and Learning**

Strings Practicum MPAME-UE 1426/MPAME-GE 2106 Fall 2018

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**Course Description/Overview:**

Strings practicum is an ensemble approach to the learning and teaching orchestral string instruments. Through workshop activities and peer-teaching, students will have the opportunity to learn and teach the violin, viola and cello.

Topics explored through the course will provide a foundation in orchestral string instrument proficiency and pedagogy, including: bowing technique and articulation, tone production, tuning, repertoire, method books, lesson planning, program development, and basic repairs.

**Required Text:**

Allen, M., Gillespie, R. and Tellejohn- Hayes, P. *Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book I*, Hal Leonard Publishing Co. 2002 – Milwaukee, WI.

**Suggested Text:**

Hamann, D. and Gillespie, R. *Strategies for Teaching Strings: Building a Successful String and Orchestra Program*, Oxford University Press. 2018 – New York, NY.

**Required Materials:**

1. Instrumental rental for use during the semester. To ensure an appropriate balance of instrumentation for in-class ensemble work, instrument selection will be determined during the first meeting.
2. Shoulder rest for violin and viola.
3. End pin anchor ('rock stop') for cello.
4. Notebook or binder.

**Rental Instrument Resources:**

Sam Ash, 333 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY. 212-719-2299  
Strings and Other Things, 1995 Broadway #6, NY, NY. 212-362-0857

**Grading:**

Performance tests 20% (2 @ 10%).

Written tests and assignments 20 % (2 @ 10%).

Peer-teaching lesson planning and presentation 20%.

Class participation 20%.

Final exam 20%.

**Attendance Policy:**

Due to the nature of this course, it is essential that all students attend each class meeting. Final grades may be lowered for absences or lateness in accordance with NYU policy.

**Students with Disabilities:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students with disabilities are asked reach out to the professor so that reasonable accommodations can be provided. Additional resources are available at [Moses Center for Students with Disabilities](#), 726 Broadway, 2nd Floor, (212-998-4980).

**Academic Integrity:**

Students are expected to submit work in accordance to policies for academic integrity that are outlined here: [http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/policies/academic\\_integrity](http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/policies/academic_integrity)