Course Description

Private cello instruction includes beginning level through college freshman level playing. Lessons are an hour long, once weekly, at mutually arranged times between the student and instructor. There will be 14 lessons, with a faculty jury as a final examination at the end of the semester. There will be opportunities to perform on a student recital, or on an honors recital if the student is prepared. As these are private lessons, guests and children are not permitted to attend.

Course Goals

Our goal for this course is to provide knowledge and exercise in playing the cello so as to enhance the abilities of the student to communicate musical ideas and further his or her enjoyment of this instrument. Attention will be given to position, form, technique, style and repertoire. Also, music theory will be introduced as it applies to the needs of the student.

Materials

Materials for this course will be decided according to the level and needs of each student. Consideration will be made to foster the development of well-rounded playing. Each student will provide an instrument in good playing condition for his/her own use. When accessories are needed (strings, rosin, end pin stops, tuners, metronomes etc.) help will be given to select the most appropriate ones.

Practice

A minimum of six hours practice per week is expected. Instruction in correct practice is given in the private lessons. There are practice rooms available at HCC, and if the student wishes to use one, the instructor can provide a permission card. This card is presented to the Fine Arts Office, where a key will then be given to the student for the practice room use.
Attendance

Attendance with instrument and all materials at all scheduled lessons is expected. Failure to bring the instrument or materials is considered as an absence and will lower your grade. If a lesson must be missed or changed, the student will notify the instructor at least 24 hours in advance. In event of an emergency in which it is impossible to give advanced notice, a documented excuse must be provided.

Two make-up lessons per semester are permitted, providing that a mutually accepted time and date can be arranged. Failure to give notice automatically counts as an absence without make-up.

Withdrawing from a class is the student’s responsibility. The student must visit with a faculty advisor, counselor or go on-line: http://studentservicesonline.hccs.edu/ prior to November 18, 2010 to receive a “W” on your transcript. Students are allowed no more than six withdrawals their entire academic career.

Co-requisites

All MUAP courses require a MUSI course as a co-requisite. This can be any of the MUSI offerings; whichever most interests the student.

Concerts

Students are strongly urged to attend concerts frequently. Houston has a very rich selection of fine performances to which the student can attend. Also, HCC offers concerts of student and faculty musicians. Attendance is required to at least one of these each semester.

Juries (Final Exams)

Each student enrolled in private lessons is required to play a jury at the end of the semester. The student will prepare and perform a piece from the repertoire studied during the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to sign up for a time on the jury schedule when it is posted.

Grading

Grading will be given with a proportion of 75% for lesson attendance, preparation and performance, and 25% for the jury performance. Only those students who, due to emergency reasons, cannot complete the class will be given an “I”.

Insurance

It is strongly recommended that all HCC students carry some form of medical insurance, both on and off campus. Under Texas statute, HCC is immune to liability in the event of an accident or injury.

Disability

Students receiving accommodation for disabilities are to report to Room 102 SJAC, or call 713.718.6164. We can only provide accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office.
Fine Arts Office Hours

8 am – 10 pm M-Th
8 am – 4 pm F, Sat.

Studio Hours

8 am – 9:30 pm M-Th
8 am – 3:30 pm F, Sat