



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Department of Music

VIOLIN STUDIES

The string program at CSUS offers students the opportunity to pursue Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Master of Music degrees in violin performance. Excellent facilities are provided for this program in which the violinist receives private weekly lessons, and participates in masterclasses by renowned guest artists, studio classes, and monthly string seminars. The intensive study of chamber music is at the core of the performance curriculum, and students are encouraged to perform and explore technical and musical ideas with their colleagues. Other performing activities include the CSUS Symphony, the Opera Orchestra, solo recitals, participation in the 20th-century music ensemble, and the nationally-acclaimed Festival of New American Music. Instruction in period instrument practice is also available. The musically rewarding environment at CSUS will expose violin students to the technical skills, musical knowledge, performance experiences and artistic standards necessary to meet the variety of musical demands encountered in the professional world today.

Prior to acceptance into degree programs, students must pass an entrance audition. The following list includes suggested solo works. To discuss other acceptable audition literature, contact William Barbini or Ian Swensen at (916) 278-5155.

Freshmen and Junior Level Transfers: Bachelor of Arts

Two-octave scales and arpeggios
Any etude from Kreutzer -- 24 Caprices
A piece of the candidate's choice

Freshmen and Junior Level Transfers: Bachelor of Music

Three-octave scales and arpeggios
A movement of unaccompanied Bach
Two contrasting movements from a sonata or concerto of the candidate's choice

Master of Music

Three-octave scales and arpeggios
A movement of a standard concerto
Two contrasting works of the candidate's choice
A movement of unaccompanied Bach

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