Towson University – Department of Music

Proficiency Levels for Applied Lessons

Discipline: DOUBLE BASS

General Information:

• The stated proficiencies below apply to all students taking lessons in the particular discipline.

• Level of difficulty for specific repertoire will be adjusted based upon the student’s degree program.

• These proficiencies are the minimums for a passing grade in the discipline.

• Any student wishing to take 300-level applied lessons must successfully pass an upper division jury demonstrating the proficiencies as articulated below.

Proficiencies for a 1-credit lesson

Freshman Level

➢ All two octave major and minor scales with varied rhythms and bowings
➢ Simandl 30 Etudes, appropriate to level
➢ Two pieces in contrasting style, appropriate to level
➢ Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality

Sophomore Level

➢ All two octave major and one octave minor scales with varied rhythms and bowings
➢ Simandl 30 Etudes
➢ Suggested repertoire as appropriate to level: Eccles Sonata, David Anderson Short Pieces, Francoise Rabbath Pieces, Bourree 1 and 2 from Bach Cello Suite 3, Dittersdorf Concerto, Vivaldi/Marcello Sonatas
➢ Orchestral excerpts

➢ Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality

**Upper Division Jury** (end of 2nd semester sophomore lessons)

➢ Proficiency in all material assigned in the first two years

➢ Proficiency demonstrated by a set of repertoire including scales, etudes, and contrasting pieces as determined by the teacher

**Junior Level**

➢ All three octave major and minor scales and two octave arpeggios with varied rhythms and bowings

➢ Suggested repertoire as appropriate to level: Eccles Sonata, David Anderson Short Pieces, Francoise Rabbath Pieces, Bourée 1 and 2 from Bach Cello Suite 3, Dittersdorf Concerto, Vivaldi/Marcello Sonatas, Koussevitzky 3 Short Pieces for Double Bass, Koussevitzky Bass Concerto

➢ Orchestra excerpts

➢ Simandl: 30 Etudes

➢ Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality, continually developing artistry

➢ Junior recital *(required based upon degree program)*

**Senior Level**

➢ All three octave major and minor scales and two octave arpeggios with varied rhythms and bowings

➢ Suggested repertoire as appropriate to level: Eccles Sonata, David Anderson Short Pieces, Francoise Rabbath Pieces, Bourée 1 and 2 from Bach Cello Suite 3, Dittersdorf Concerto, Vivaldi/Marcello Sonatas, Koussevitzky 3 Sort Pieces for Double Bass, Koussevitzky Bass Concerto, Hindemth Sonata, Bottesini Elegy no. 1, Bottesini Concerto no. 2

➢ Orchestra excerpts

➢ Simandl: 30 Etudes
- Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality, continually developing artistry

- Senior Recital *(required based upon degree program)*
- Proficiency in all material assigned in the first two years
- Proficiency demonstrated by a set of repertoire including scales, etudes, and contrasting pieces as determined by the teacher

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**Proficiencies for a 2-credit lesson**

**Freshman Level**

- All two octave major and one octave minor scales with varied rhythms and bowings
- Simandl 30 Etudes appropriate to level
- Two pieces in contrasting style, appropriate to level
- Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality,

**Sophomore Level**

- All two octave major and one octave minor scales with varied rhythms and bowings
- Simandl 30 Etudes
- Suggested repertoire as appropriate to level: Eccles Sonata, David Anderson Short Pieces, Francoise Rabbath Pieces, Bouree 1 and 2 from Bach Cello Site 3, Dittersdorf Concerto, Vivaldi/Marcello Sonatas
- Orchestra excerpts
- Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality

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- Orchestra excerpts

- Simandl: 30 Etudes

- Expanded techniques and musicality as appropriate to level – accuracy of pitch and rhythm, shifting, vibrato, good characteristic sound, expression of dynamics and musicality, continually developing artistry

- Junior recital *(required based upon degree program)*

**Senior Level**

- All three octave major and minor scales and two octave arpeggios with varied rhythms and bowings

- Suggested repertoire as appropriate to level: Eccles Sonata, David Anderson Short Pieces, Francoise Rebbath Pieces, Bourée 1 and 2 from Bach Cello Suite 3, Dittersdorf Concerto, Vivaldi/Marcellio Sonatas Koussevitzsky 3 Short Pieces for Double Bass, Koussevitzky Bass Concerto, Hindemith Sonata, Bottesini Elegy no. 1, Botteini Concerto no. 2

- Orchestra excerpts

- Simandl: 30 Etudes

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