Learning Progressions: Violin, 2023-2024

Category	Area	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Fundamental Technique and Skills	Scales	 Technical requirements: Three-octave major, melodic minor, and harmonic minor scales in keys G through C Three-octave arpeggios, broken thirds, chromatic scales in keys G through C Single-octave scales in 3rds, 6ths and/or octaves; OR preparatory exercises for these double-stops Proficiency with at least 3 speed/bowing variants with metronome @ 60 BPM 	 Technique requirements: Three-octave major, melodic minor, and harmonic minor scales in keys of G through D Three-octave arpeggios, broken thirds, chromatic scales in keys of G through D Double stops: One- or two-octave scales in 3rds, 6ths and/or octaves; Proficiency with at least 4 speed/bowing variants with metronome @ 60 BPM 	 Technique requirements: Three-octave major, melodic minor, and harmonic minor scales in keys G through E Three-octave arpeggios, broken thirds, chromatic scales in keys G through E Double stops: three-octave scales in 3rds, 4ths, 6ths and octaves Proficiency with at least 5 speed/bowing variants with metronome at 60 BPM 	 Technique requirements: Three-octave major, melodic minor, and harmonic minor scales in all keys Three-octave arpeggios, broken thirds, chromatic scales in all keys Double stops: Three-octave scales in 3rds, 4ths, 6ths and octaves (for Precollege applicants: 5ths, 7ths, fingered octaves, 10ths) Proficiency with at least at six speed/bowing variants with metronome at 60 BPM
	Positions and Shifting	 Technique requirements: Demonstrates ease and fluency shifting to/from and playing within 3rd pos. Demonstrates developing proficiency shifting to/from and playing within 2nd 4th and 5th pos. Demonstrates comfort and good fundamental shifting mechanics (per individual faculty approach) 	Technique requirements: Demonstrates ease and fluency in 2 nd through 6 th positions Maintains good left-hand form and comfort through shifts and in high positions Can apply good shifting mechanics without teacher prompt	 Technique requirements: Demonstrates ease, fluency, and comfort in 2nd through 7th positions Maintains consistent left-hand form and spatial relationships through shifts and in high positions Good shifting mechanics applied independently, intuitively and skillfully 	Technique requirements: Demonstrates ease, fluency and comfort through 8 th position + Maintains consistent left-hand form and spatial relationships through position transitions Shifting mechanics intuitively
	Rhythm	Technique:	Technique:	Technique:	Technique:

		 Demonstrates ease and fluency in 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 (simple meters) Proficiency in basic compound meters: 6/8, 9/8, and 12/8 Accurately subdivides at smallest note value in measure Maintains steady pulse while switching from duple to triple note values (e.g., eighths in 4/4) Accurately performs simple syncopations or hemiolas 	 Ease and fluency in all common-practice simple and compound meters Maintains steady pulse while switching from duple to triple note values, both as subdivision and as polyrythm (e.g., 3:4, 4:3) Demonstrates proficiency with common-practice odd-number tuplets (e.g., quintuplets or septuplets within primary pulse value) Skillfully maintains pulse through passages with syncopations or hemiolas 	 Ease and fluency in all common-practice meters Ability to navigate a few basic irregular meters (e.g., 5/4, 7/4) Can play basic polyrhythms and/or hemiolas, extended passages of syncopations and /or offbeats, and common-practice tuplets with steadiness and accuracy 	 Ease and fluency in all common-practice meters Ability to navigate simple non-conventional metric situations (unmeasured; moderately complex meter changes) Can play basic polyrhythms and/or hemiolas, extended passages of syncopations and /or offbeats, and common-practice tuplets with steadiness, accuracy, and secure sense of pulse
Fundamental Technique and Skills (cont'd)	Double-stops and chords	 Technique: Ease and fluency playing dyads with one stopped note and one open string Plays brief, simple sequences of 3rds, 6ths, and/or octaves with good intonation, balanced voicing and clear tone Plays single 3- or 4-note chords, and brief sequences of chords with good intonation, balanced voicing, clear tone, and comfort 	Performs sequences of double-stopped 3rds, 4ths, 6ths, and/or octaves with comfort, accurate intonation, good voicing, clear tone Performs brief sequences of 3- or 4-note chords with comfort and good intonation, voicing, clear tone	 Can perform extended passages involving double-stopped 3rds, 4ths, 6ths, and octaves with comfort and very good intonation, voicing, tone Can perform moderately complex sequences of 3- or 4-note chords with comfort and ease, very good intonation, voicing, tone 	Technique: Can perform complex, extended, or fast-paced passages involving most double-stop types with comfort and excellent intonation, voicing, tone (PC applicants: 10 ^{ths} , fingered octaves) Can perform complex sequences of 3- or 4-note chords with comfort and excellent intonation, voicing, tone

Bow technique

Bow Technique:

- Performs a variety of full-bow strokes with clear tone, straight bow, secure but pliable bow hold
- Navigates bow changes without distorting tone
- Performs a basic off-the-string stroke at moderate speeds with steadiness and consistency
- Performs adjacent string crossing patterns and isolated non-adjacent string crossings cleanly, consistently and fluidly

Vibrato

- Develops or builds on basic finger/wrist motion in positions 1, 3 and 5
- Can perform a vibrato acceleration exercise at 2, 3, and 4 controlled oscillations per beat @ 60 BPM, with even, fluid, continuous motion

Ornaments and extended techniques

- Demonstrates proficiency with fourth finger extensions in 3rd pos.
- Demonstrates proficiency with 2nd and 3rd harmonic partials on all strings
- Can perform trills at moderate speeds

Bow Technique:

- Performs full-bow strokes with excellent tone, consistently straight bow, appropriate hair angle, secure/pliable bow hold
- Navigates bow changes smoothly, without disrupting tone
- Demonstrates proficiency with staccato and spiccato at moderate speeds (e.g., 16^{ths} @ quarter = 80) and tremolo at moderate speeds
- Demonstrates basic fluid wrist and finger motion
- Can perform extended string crossing patterns on adjacent and/or non-adjacent strings cleanly and fluidly

Vibrato

- Develops basic finger/wrist motion in all Level 2 positions
- Can perform a vibrato acceleration exercise at 2-6 oscillations per beat @ 60 BPM, with even, fluid, continuous motion
- Can apply relaxed, elastic, reasonably even vibrato motion to solo repertoire

Extended techniques

- Demonstrates proficiency with fourth finger extensions in higher positions
- Demonstrates proficiency with isolated lower harmonic partials, touch-fourth harmonics through third position
- Demonstrates familiarity with basic timbral variants (e.g., ponticello, sul tasto)
 - Can perform trills at moderate -fast speeds; demonstrates familiarity with

Bow Technique:

- Performs with excellent tone, consistently straight bow, appropriate hair angle, secure/pliable bow hold, fluid wrist and finger motion where appropriate
- Performs smooth bow changes while maintaining good tone throughout
- Demonstrates comfort and fluency with spiccato and sautillé at moderate-fast speeds (e.g., 16^{ths} @ up to quarter = 100; includes staccato for Precollege applicants); tremolo at moderately rapid speeds; and isolated instances of ricochet
- Can perform extended moderately fast string crossing patterns on adjacent and non-adjacent strings cleanly, consistently and fluidly

Vibrato

- Develops varied vibrato speed/width in all Level 3 positions
- Can perform a vibrato acceleration exercise from slow/measured oscillations to fast/unmeasured oscillations, with methodical, even, continuous motion
- Applies an elastic, even, and moderately varied vibrato motion to solo repertoire

Extended techniques

- Demonstrates proficiency with short sequences of both natural and touchfourth harmonics
- Demonstrates proficiency with isolated instances of left-hand pizzicato
- Demonstrates proficiency with basic timbral variants such as ponticello and sul tasto

Bow Technique:

- Performs with excellent tone, consistently straight bow, appropriate hair angle, secure/pliable bow hold
- Right wrist, hand, fingers move intuitively and fluidly on appropriate bowstrokes
- Finesses bow changes with excellent tone throughout
- Demonstrates comfort and fluency with spiccato and sautillé at rapid speeds (e.g., 16^{ths} up to quarter = 120; incl. staccato for PC applicants)
- Can perform extended passages of rapid tremolo, ricochet, and rapid string crossing patterns on adjacent and nonadjacent strings (including dyads/chords) cleanly, consistently and fluidly

Vibrato

- Can use elastic, even vibrato with varied speed/width in all positions
- Can perform a self-directed vibrato acceleration exercise from slow/measured oscillations to fast/unmeasured oscillations with consistent, fluid motion
- Uses a skilled vibrato that is varied according to musical context

Extended techniques

 Demonstrates fluency with longer sequences of both natural and touchfourth harmonics, left-hand pizzicato,

	basic common-practice ornaments (turns, mordents, grace notes)	Can perform trills and common- practice ornaments with dexterity and appropriate speeds	timbral variants and transitions, trills, common-practice ornaments and grace notes (includes double trills, double-stop glissandi for relevant Precollege-level repertoire)

Style and Performance Practice	Experience with at least 2 of the following genres:	Experience with at least 3 of the following genres:	Experience with at least 4 of the following genres:	Experience with at least 5 of the following genres:
Tractice	 Baroque Classical Romantic 20th century Contemporary (written in the last ±30 years) Improvisation, own composition, or another stylistic genre 	 Baroque Classical Romantic 20th century Contemporary (written in the last ±30 years) Improvisation, own composition, or another stylistic genre 	 Baroque Classical Romantic 20th century Contemporary (written in the last ±30 years) Improvisation, own composition, or another stylistic genre 	 Baroque Classical Romantic 20th century Contemporary (written in the last ±30 years) Improvisation, own composition, or another stylistic genre

Musical Applications	Etudes, Exercises, Caprices, Pedagogical Works

Left-hand articulation & facility

- Schradieck: School of Violin Technics, Bk 1 (nos. 1-7)
- Suzuki: Quint Etudes
- Sevcik: Preparatory Trill Studies, Op. 7

Shifting

- Whistler: Introducing the Positions, Bk. 1
- Sevcik: Shifting the Position and Preparatory Scale Studies, Op. 8 (nos. 1-7)

Double Stops

- Whistler: Developing Double Stops
- *Trott: Melodious Double Stops, Bk 1
- Sevcik: Preparatory Exercises in Double-Stopping, Nos. 1-15
- Sitt: 20 Studies in Double-Stops (1-4)

Fundamental melodic studies

- Mazas: 75 Melodious and Progressive Studies (Op. 36)
- Kayser: 36 Elementary / Progressive Studies
- Sevcik, Violin School for Beginners, Op. 6
- Wohlfahrt: 60 Studies for the Violin, Op. 45

Advancing melodic studies

- Whistler: *Preparing for Kreutzer*
- Dont: 24 Preparatory Exercises to Kreutzer and Rode (1-18)
- Kreutzer: 42 Studies or Caprices (2-14)
- Luis Casal, Solo Etudes for Violin (1, 2, 6)

Pedagogical Violin Duos

- Bartok: 44 Duets, Nos 1-17, 22, 25
- Berio: Duets for two Violins Vol. 1 (1, 12, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28)
- Dont: 20 Progressive Exercises Op. 38, (1-5)

Left-hand articulation & facility

- Schradieck: School of Violin Technics, Bk 1 (nos. 1-15)
- Sitt: 50 Daily Exercises for the Left-Hand
 Op. Nos. 1-17
- Suzuki: Quint Etudes
- Sevcik: Preparatory Trill Studies, Op. 7

Shifting

- Whistler: Introducing the Positions, Bk. 2 (2nd - 7th pos.)
- Sevick, *Scales and Shifting* Op. 8, Nos. 1-15

Double Stops

- *Trott: Melodious Double Stops Bk 2
- Sevcik: Preparatory Exercises in Double-Stopping Op 9, Nos. 16-34
- Sitt: Twenty Studies in Double-Stops Op.32 Bk 5, Nos. 5-8, 10-12

Melodic Studies

- Fiorillo 26 Etudes or Caprices
- Kreutzer: 42 Studies or Caprices (Nos. 2-21)
- Luis Casal, Solo Etudes for Violin Nos. 1-3, 5-8

Pedagogical Violin Duos

- Bartok: 44 Duets, Nos. 18-27
- Berio: Duets for two Violins Nos 12, 19, 21, 23
- Dont: Twenty Progressive Exercises for the Violin Op. 38, Nos 6-13

Left-hand articulation & facility

- Schradieck: School of Violin Technics
- Sitt: 50 Daily Exercises for the Left Hand,
 Op. Nos. 18-34

Shifting

Sevick, *Scales and Shifting* Op. 8, Nos. 1-

Double Stops

 Sevcik: Preparatory Exercises in Double-Stopping Op 9, Nos. 34-50

Melodic Studies

- Kreutzer: 42 Studies or Caprices
- Dont: *46 Etudes or Caprices* Op. 35, Nos. 1-10
- Rode, 24 Caprices Nos 8, 10, 12
- Dancla: Etudes Op 73, Nos 8, 9
- De Beriot Op 73
- °Luis Casal, Solo Etudes for Violin (all appropriate for Level 3)

Pedagogical Violin Duos

- Bartok: 44 Duets Vol. 2, Nos. 28-36
- Dont: Twenty Progressive Exercises for the Violin Op. 38, Nos 14-18
- Berio: *Duets for two Violins* Nos. 24, 25, 27, 34

Left-hand articulation & facility

- Schradieck: School of Violin Technics
- Sitt: 50 Daily Exercises for the Left Hand,
 Op. Nos. 35-50

Shifting

Sevick, *Scales and Shifting* Op. 8, Nos. 1-31

Double Stops

 Sevcik: Preparatory Exercises in Double-Stopping Op 9, Nos. 34-50

Melodic Studies

- Kreutzer: 42 Studies or Caprices (Nos. 2-21)
- Dont: 46 Etudes or Caprices Op. 35,
- Rode: 24 Caprices Nos 15
- Dancla: *Etudes* Op 73, Nos 5, 12, 13, 17, 18
- Gavinies: 24 Matinées, Nos 1-12
- Paganini: 24 Caprices, Nos. 16, 9, 5
- Luis Casal: Solo Etudes for Violin (all appropriate for Level 4)

Pedagogical Violin Duos

- Bartok, 44 Duets Vol. 2, Nos. 37-44
- Berio: Duets for two Violins Vol.1
- Dont: Twenty Progressive Exercises for the Violin Op. 38, Nos 14-18

Extended Techniques

Garth Knox, Violin Spaces

Scale Methods	 Barber: Scales for Advanced Violinists (keys G-C; introductory exercises) Hrimaly: Scale Studies Flesch: Scale System (keys G-C) 	 Barber: Scales for Advanced Violinists (keys G-D; introductory exercises) Flesch: Scale System (keys G-D) Galamian: Contemporary Violin Technique Vol. 1 (keys G-D; 3-octave scales AND arpeggios), and Vol. 2 (double-stop scales) 	 Barber: Scales for Advanced Violinists (keys G-E) Flesch: Scale System (keys G-D) Galamian: Contemporary Violin Technique Vol. 1 (keys G-E; 3-octave scales AND arpeggios), and Vol. 2 (double-stop scales) 	 Flesch: Scale System (keys G-D) Galamian: Contemporary Violin Technique Vol. 1 (3-octave scales AND arpeggios), and Vol. 2 (double-stop scales)
Solo Repertoire	(See also: ASTA Level 6/7)	(See also: ASTA Level 7/8)	(See also: ASTA Level 9/10)	(See also: ASTA Level 10)
*Denotes female composer *denotes composer of color	Student Concertos Accolay: Violin Concerto Bach: Concerto in A minor Corelli: Sonatas Op. 5 Nos 1-6 Nardini: Concerto in E minor Rieding: Concerto in E Minor, Op. 7 Seitz: Pupil's Concertos Nos. 1 & 3 Vivaldi: Concerto in A minor Concert Pieces Bartok: An Evening in the Village C. Chaminade: Rondeau Op. 97 Dvorak: Sonatina in G, Op. 100 Elgar: Salut D'Amour Fiocco: Allegro Kreisler: Rondino on a Theme by Beethoven Kreisler: Sicilienne and Rigaudon F. Lebrun: Sonata Paradis: Sicilienne D. Pejacevic: Romanze Op. 22 Price: The Deserted Garden; songs (var) J. Senfter: Melodie Op. 13 No. 1 C. C. White: Levee Dance François Schubert: L'Abeille	Concertos DeBeriot: Concerto no. 9 Haydn: Concertos in G maj, C maj Kabalevsky: Violin Concerto Spohr: Concerto No. 2 in Dm, op. 2 Tartini: Concerto in D min Viotti: Concerto No. 23 Concert Pieces Beethoven: Romance in F L. Boulanger: Nocturne from Two Pieces for Violin and Piano C. Chaminade: Andantino and Romanza from 3 Morceaux Op. 31 Fauré: Berceuse Gluck/Kreisler: Melodie Handel: D major Sonata Kreisler: Liebesleid Massenet: "Meditation" from Thais E. Mayer: Notturno Op. 48 Monti: Czardas Mozart: Adagio and Rondo Schubert: Sonatina in D C. Schumann: Romance, Op. 22/2 J. Senfter: Elegie Op. 13 No 3 Tartini: Sonata in Gm, op. 1, no. 10	Concertos Boulogne StGeorges, Concerto Op. 2 No. 1 in G Lalo Symphonie Espagnole Mozart Concerto No. 3 Price: Violin Concerto No. 2 Vieuxtemps: Concertos Nos. 4, 5 Concert Pieces Bartok: Roumanian Folk Dances Beethoven: Sonata Op. 12, No. 1 Bloch: Nigun L. Boulanger: Cortège from Two Pieces for Violin and Piano Coleridge-Taylor: Suite for Violin and Piano Op. 3; Two Romantic Pieces, Op.9 Copland: "Waltz and Celebration" from Billy the Kid De Beriot: Air Varie Dvořák: 4 Romantic Pieces, op. 75 Dvořák/Kreisler: Slavonic Dance No. 1 in Gm Esmail: Varsha Joplin/Perlman: "Elite Syncopations" (Ragtime for Violin) Kreisler: Praeludium and Allegro	Concertos Bruch: Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26 Mendelssohn: Concerto in E minor, Op. 64 Mozart: Concerti Nos. 3 or 4 Coleridge-Taylor: Concerto in G min Price: Violin Concerto No. 1 Wieniawski: Concerto No. 2 in D minor Concert Pieces Bacewicz: Humoreska Coleridge-Taylor: Romance in G, Ballade Op. 4 Saint-Saëns: Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, op. 28 Price: Fantasy No. 1 in G minor Prokofiev: Five Melodies, op. 35 Prokofiev/Grunes: "March" from Love for Three Oranges Kreisler: Caprice Viennois E. South: Black Gypsy Bridgetower: Violin Sonata Unaccompanied Bach Partita III in E major, Sonata I in G minor (all), Partita II in D minor (all)

			 Ten Have: Allegro Brilliant Unaccompanied Bach: Partita III in E major, Gigue, Gavotte en Rondeau, Bourée Bach: Partita II in D minor, Allemanda Bach: Partita I in B minor, Double (1, 2, 3) Bach: Sonata I in G minor, Presto 	 *Le Beau: Romanze Op. 35 *Pejacevic: Elegie Op. 34 Ravel: Piece en Forme de Habanera Sarasate: Malaguena, op. 21/1 *C. Schumann: Romance, Op. 22/1 Stravinsky: "Danse Russe" from Petrouchka Tschaikovsky: Melodie (in 3 Pieces, op. 42) Vaughan-Williams: The Lark Ascending Vitali: Chaconne Wieniawksi: Legende Unaccompanied Bach Partita III in E major (all), Sonata I in G minor (all), Partita II in D minor (all except Ciaccona) 	
	Orchestral Excerpts	•	•	(See: requirements for Carnegie Hall NYO2, NYYS)	(See: requirements for Carnegie Hall NYO2, NYYS)