

# ARTIST DIPLOMA: STRING QUARTET PERFORMANCE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The professional certificate in string quartet performance is designed to provide intensive performance experiences and coaching for those that have the potential for a career in string quartet performance. An earned baccalaureate degree in performance is the minimum requirement for admission into this program.

Students are provided both coaching and individualized instruction, with extensive opportunities for performance, as well as elective studies in entrepreneurship, in preparation for a performance career.

Applications are open to:

1. Pre-formed string quartets.
2. Individuals who would like to be considered for placement in a new graduate string quartet formed by the Takács Quartet. The Takács Graduate Quartet Residency is a two-year position with only one ensemble in residence at a time.

## Requirements

### Admission Requirements

Admissions requirements for this program include completing all required university graduate admission requirements, submitting a CU Boulder application, three letters of recommendation, a pre-screening recorded audition, performing a live audition and being interviewed by faculty.

### Required Courses and Credits

| Code   | Title  | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Requirements in Major Area</b>  |  |              |
| PMUS 6696<br>or PMUS 6706<br>or PMUS 6716  | Viola (two semesters for one year) <sup>1</sup><br>Violin<br>Violoncello | 4            |
| TMUS 6956  | Master's Thesis (chamber music recital) <sup>2</sup>                     | 2            |
| TMUS 6957  | Master's Thesis 2 (chamber music recital) <sup>2</sup>                   | 2            |
| TMUS 6958  | Master's Thesis 3 (chamber music recital)                                | 2            |
| TMUS 6959  | Master's Thesis 4 (chamber music recital or solo recital)                | 2            |
| EMUS 5327  | Symphony Orchestra (two semesters) <sup>3</sup>                          | 2            |
| <b>Other Requirements in Music</b>   |  |              |
| <b>Electives <sup>4</sup></b>  |  | <b>6-7</b>   |
| Additional credits in the College of Music at the 4000- or 5000-level. Coursework, in entrepreneurship, wellness, literature, pedagogy, musicology, ethnomusicology, or theory. <sup>5</sup> |  |              |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>  |  | <b>20-21</b> |

- <sup>2</sup> This four-recital requirement entitles the quartet to one hour of coaching per week. The string faculty will decide if one of these recitals should be a solo recital.
- <sup>3</sup> Two fall semesters as principals in the Chamber Orchestra (1 credit each).
- <sup>4</sup> A maximum of two credits at the 4000-level may be taken in fulfillment of the certificate requirements.
- <sup>5</sup> Students who wish to take academic classes at the 5000-level or above will be required to pass the appropriate preliminary examinations.

<sup>1</sup> Applied string instruction. Registration for applied study is for two credit hours per semester, entitling each member of the quartet to one hour of private lessons per week.