Brass
Fall Semester 2012
TR 8:00-8:50
MUSIC 133.003

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Student Learning Outcomes
At the completion of this course students will be prepared to teach beginning brass instruments in the public schools of Texas. Topics will include tone production, articulation, tuning, fingerings/positions, breathing, seated/standing positions, brass overtone series, etc. Information will also be useful in teaching and rehearsing middle school and high school instrumental ensembles.

Evaluation and Grading
Mid-term exam = 30%
Final exam = 30%
Playing Tests = 40% (10% each for playing exams on horn, trumpet, trombone, and euphonium/tuba)

Text
A Complete Guide to Brass (3rd ed.) by Scott Whitener
Other materials as assigned throughout the semester

Course sequence
August 28  Chapter 1 – How Brass Instruments Work
30  Chapter 10 – Tone Production
Sept 4  Chapter 6/7 – Euphonium and Tuba/Beginners
6  Euph/Tuba
11  Euph/Tuba
13  Euph/Tuba
18  Euph/Tuba
20  Euph/Tuba Playing Test
25  Chapter 5 – Trombone
27  Trombone
Oct 2  Trombone
4  Trombone
9  Trombone
11  Trombone Playing Test
16  Mid-term Written Test
18  Chapter 4 - Horn
23  Horn
25  Horn
30  Horn

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Nov  1  Horn
  6  No Class – Band returning from State Marching Contest
  8  Horn Playing Test
 13  Chapter 3 Trumpet
 15  Trumpet
 20  No Class - Thanksgiving
 27  Trumpet
 29  Trumpet

Dec  4  Trumpet
  6  Trumpet Playing Test

Final Exam – Tuesday December 11, 2012 ----- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Music Department Mission Statement
The Music Department of Texas A&M-Commerce promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

University Statements
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