Texas A&M-Commerce Department of Music
Spring 2015 Trombone/Euphonium Syllabus
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Music Department Mission Statement
The Music Department of Texas A&M University-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.

Students with Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
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Student Behavior
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive environment (Student's Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, conduct.)

Student Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
φ Demonstrate the basics of musical performance with special attention to rhythm, tone quality, range, musical phrasing, intonation and style.
φ Demonstrate the ability to perform music from different stylistic periods. φ Demonstrate the ability to perform music in a variety of key signatures and meter signatures.
φ Demonstrate the ability to perform all major and minor scales during the appropriate barrier semester.

Office Hours
Regular class times will be listed on the web site. Applied lessons will be scheduled at the beginning of each semester as to accommodate all students and their various schedules.

You are required to be at all brass functions-recitals, master classes, studio classes!

Lesson Grades: Each lesson will be given a grade based on the following scales:
A = 90 – 100 B = 80 – 89, C = 70 – 79, D = 60 – 69, F = 59 and below
The weekly grade will reflect the level of preparation of the assigned material. The final grade will reflect the student’s improvement, quality of recital performance (if applicable), consistent practice, attendance, preparation of assigned material, scale exam and jury performance. Weekly grades will constitute 50% of the final grade. Students are encouraged to monitor weekly grades. The grading applied lessons can be very ambiguous. To take away some of that ambiguity, consider the following when preparing for your weekly lesson:

A lesson will be given the grade of A if:
It is obvious that you have prepared the music for the lesson. You are playing the material technically very well and it is obvious that you have given a good deal of thought to the artistic interpretation of the assignment. You exhibit an understanding of the material and can perform at near-performance level. Repeated material from the prior lesson has been perfected both musically and technically.
A lesson will be given the grade of **B** if:

It is obvious that you have prepared the music for the lesson. You are playing the material fairly well, but still have a few technical issues that need to be worked out. You show signs of artistic interpretation, but still need work on musical issues. You know that you could play this better. Repeated material from the prior lesson shows improvement.

A lesson will be given the grade of **C** if:

It is not obvious that you have prepared adequately for the lesson. You cannot play the material without hesitation. Notes are missed. Your performance is void of artistic expression. You show signs of understanding the material, but cannot execute these ideas through your instrument. Repeated material from the prior lesson shows little improvement.

A lesson will be given the grade of **D** if:

It is obvious that you have not prepared the music for the lesson, yet somehow you are struggling though and improving during the course of the lesson. You don’t know how things should sound. You have ignored key signatures, missed notes, and are embarrassed by your performance. Repeated material from the prior lesson shows no improvement.

A lesson will be given the grade of **F** if:

You didn’t show up, or it is obvious that you have not prepared for the lesson and no amount of struggling can improve your performance. You have probably offended me with your lack of self-discipline. You are wasting my time and your time in the studio. You failed to bring the assigned material.

**Scales**

All students are expected to know and be able to play all major, minor (natural, chromatic, melodic) and chromatic scales. Scales must be played two octaves, in eight notes, at a tempo of one quarter note equals 85 beats per minute. Following is the sequence by semester of scale studies:

- **End of 1st semester** - all major scales. Chromatic scale starting on any note. End of **2nd semester** - all major and natural minor scales
- **End of 3rd semester** - all major, natural and harmonic minor scales
- **End of 4th semester** - all major and natural, harmonic and melodic minor scales

Upper Division scale requirements are posted on my website.

Students will play scale exams with a metronome - Scales in eighth notes, quarter note equals 80.

**Upper Division Jury**

At the end of the 4th semester of study, students will be expected to play an upper division jury. If the students fail to reach upper division, he/she can re-take the upper division jury the following semester. If upper division is not achieved with the 2nd jury, the student will no longer be able to enroll in music classes.

Private instruction in the skills applied to trombone performance. Areas of instruction included will be fundamental techniques, clef studies, sight-reading skills, performance skills, and knowledge of orchestral style, literature and pedagogy.

**Standard Jury - 10-minute slots**

- Solo (accompanied or unaccompanied) or etude (at the discretion of the student's applied professor)
- Four etudes from the current semester's assignments (in addition to etude above, if applicable). These are selected in advance of the jury and prepared accordingly. Professor may substitute orchestral/band excerpts for ONE of these etudes.

**Barrier/Junior Level Jury - 20-minute slots**

- Accompanied solo
- Four etudes (same guidelines as above)

**Studies**

- *Remington-Daily Warm-ups* Fink
- *Introducing Legato* Rochut
- *Melodious Etudes-Book I* Voxman
- *Selected Studies* Fink
- *Studies in Tenor Clef* Fink
- *Studies in Alto Clef* Arban
- *Method for Trombone* Arban
- *School of Sight-reading* Lafosse

*(Seven books - start with book 1)*
Studies for the F attachment. Solos
Bach-Haste Ye Shepherds
Corelli—several different solos Marcello—several different solos

352 - Undergraduate Level
Emphasis on expanded range and presentation techniques with more advanced resource material and solo literature. More practice with sight-reading/emphasis on alto clef and orchestral literature.

Studies:
Blazevich-Studies in Clefs
Lafosse-School of sight-reading (continuing) Voxman-Selected Studies
Rochut-Melodious Etudes Book 2 Kopprasch-Studies, Book 1 and Book 1 Keith Brown-Orchestral Studies ten volumes

Solos:
Guilmant-Morceau Symphonique
Telemann-different solos Saint-Saens-Cavatine David-Concertino Bozza-Ballad
Casterede-Fantasy Concertante

Orchestral Excerpts:
The Complete Low Brass Excerpt Collection-Compiled by Gordon Cherry-www.Cherry-Classics.com

552 - Graduate Level:
Graduate level study of the trombone-relating more specifically to performance, literature, pedagogy, orchestral style, and small ensemble.

Studies:
Bach-Cello Suites
Blazhevich-Sequences
Lafosse-Method for Trombone, Book 2
Schroeder-Cello Studies
Coulliaud-Selected Studies

Solos:
Albrechtsberger-Concerto
Bloch-Symphony for Trombone and Orchestra Creston-Fantasy for Trombone
Serocki-Concerto for Trombone
Tomaso-Concerto

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Scales
The scale requirements for graduate students are posted on my website.

Small Ensembles
Brass quintet literature.
Brass Trio literature.
Ensembles of trombones, mixed with other brass instruments.
Trombone with chamber groups. (mixed with woodwinds and/or percussion.
Selected references:
Dempster-The Modern Trombone
Fink-The Trombonists Handbook
Kleinhammer-the Art of Trombone Playing Wick-Trombone Technique
Gregory-The Trombone
Baker-Contemporary Techniques for the Trombone.

Course Requirements
You are responsible for providing all of your etude books and/or solos.
You are required to be at all trombone recitals/master classes.
You are required to play in trombone choir, even though it is not a class that you sign up for. It is part of your lesson requirements.

Materials Needed
A slide trombone/euphonium, either owned personally or by the University.
A mouthpiece or the correct size (to be determined by the professor)
Books-tenor trombone/euphonium
Blazhevich-Clef Studies for Trombone
Voxman-Selected Etudes for Trombone/euphonium
Arban-Famous Method Complete (Encore Publishing)-New edition
The Complete Low Brass Excerpt Collection-Compiled by Gordon Cherry-www.Cherry-Classics.com
(optional)

**Books-Bass Trombone**
Bordogni-43 Bel Canto Studies for Bass Trombone Blazevich-70 Studies for Tuba
Stephanovsky-20 Studies for Bass Trombone Orchestral Excerpts:
The Complete Low Brass Excerpt Collection-Compiled by Gordon Cherry-www.Cherry-Classics.com
(optional)

Calendar of Events:
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