SYLLABUS for Low Brass Instrument Skills - MUSI 3050  
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Office Hours - as posted or by appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This class is designed to acquaint students with the fundamental techniques of playing and teaching trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Performance, teaching, elementary literature and various theories of brass playing and teaching will be discussed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The student will gain the ability to play the low brass instruments at the elementary/middle school level and teach beginners to do the same. They will gain familiarity with standard elementary literature and teaching techniques.

COURSE OUTLINE:
A. Care, maintenance and handling of the instrument  
B. Overtone series  
C. Embouchure  
D. Breathing  
E. Articulation  
F. Intonation  
G. Alternate fingerings/positions  
H. Equipment  
I. Literature  
J. Special effects (vibrato, mutes, multiple tonguing, glissando, etc.)

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance IS required. Grade will be lowered by one letter for first unexcused absence. Two unexcused absences will result in failure of the course. Acceptable excuses include illness (documented by a medical doctor!), bereavement, and official school functions.

GRADING POLICY: The grade for this course will be determined by the following criteria: Performance Tests/Mock Lessons, Written Tests and the Comprehensive Final Exam.
- Performance tests = 25%  
- Written tests = 25%  
- Written exercises, daily evaluation, indexed notebook = 25%  
- Final exam = 25%  
The Grade will be based off of a 10 point scale.  
A = 90-100  
B = 80-89  
C = 70-79  
D = 60-69  
F = below 60

MATERIALS REQUIRED:  
- Beeler: Method for the Trombone, Book I  
- Bowman: Practical Hints on Playing the Baritone  
- Griffiths: Low Brass Guide  
- Instrument supplied by school

Students needing accommodations should arrange a meeting the first week of class. Come during office hours or email for an alternate time. Bring the Accommodation Memo and Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. Discuss items needed in this class. If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need special accommodations, make an appointment with The Program for Students with Disabilities, 1244 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT) or email: haynemd@auburn.