NEW SYLLABUS

MUSI 3050 – Brass Instrument Skills – Low Brass
1 credit hour
Class meets 2 hours per week

Textbooks:

Other handouts supplied by the instructor

Prerequisites:

Admission to Teacher Education or departmental approval

Course description:

Class instruction and practice in the rudiments of music as applied to trombone, tuba, and other low-brass instruments.

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 schedule:

Week 1 -- Slide positions/Care and maintenance
Week 2 -- Embouchure/Buzzing
Week 3 -- Breathing/Major scales
Week 4 -- Articulation/Legato playing
Week 5 -- Intonation/Small ensemble playing
Week 6 -- Alternate fingerings, positions/Slide, valve technique
Week 7 -- Range Extension/Student performances
Week 8 -- Literature/Student performances
Week 9 -- Literature/Arranging for low brass instruments
Week 10 -- Recorded resources
Week 11 -- Recruiting beginning low brass students/Student performances
Week 12 -- Special challenges for beginning students/Student performances
Week 13 -- Special challenges for intermediate students/Student performances
Week 14 -- Special challenges for advanced students/Student performances
Week 15 -- Special Effects (vibrato, mutes, multiple tonguing, etc.)
Finals

Grading:
Performance tests = 25%
Written Tests = 25%
Written exercises, evaluation of daily performance, and an indexed notebook = 25%
Final exam = 25%

The final exam will be held at the date and time determined by the University.

Grading System:

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 0-59%

There will be no unannounced quizzes in this class.
Students may withdraw with a W on their transcript until midsemester

Class Attendance:

1. Students are expected to attend all their scheduled University classes. College work requires regular class attendance as well as careful preparation. That being said, students will receive one free unexcused absence in this course. Each subsequent unexcused absence will result in the lowering of their final grade by five percent.

2. The student is expected to carry out all assigned work and to take examinations at the class period designated by the instructor. Failure to carry out these assignments or to take examinations at the designated times may result in an appropriate reduction of grade, except as enumerated below.

3. Arrangement to make up missed major examinations (hour exams) due to properly authorized excused absences shall be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absence. Normally, a make-up exam shall occur within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements of it. Instructors are encouraged to refrain from giving make-up examinations during the last three days prior to the first day of final major examinations. The format of make-up exams and opportunities for students to make up work other than major examinations are at the discretion of the instructor whose make-up policies should be stated in writing at the beginning of the term. **

Absences will be excused for:

a. Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student's immediate family. The instructor shall have the right to request appropriate verification.

b. The death of a member of the student's immediate family. The instructor shall have the right to request appropriate verification.

c. Trips for members of the student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for University classes, and trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of such absences, but in no case will such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Instructors may request formal
notification from appropriate University personnel to document the student's participation in such trips.

d. Religious holidays. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays.

e. Subpoena for court appearance.

f. Any other reason the instructor deems appropriate.

5. The regularly-accepted time for class to begin shall be ___ a.m. If the instructor does not appear within 20 minutes, it may be assumed that the class is canceled. All classes shall be dismissed promptly at ___ a.m.

6. It is University Policy that all classes will meet as scheduled on the last day before and the first day after holiday periods designated by the University.

7. Unresolved problems regarding class attendance and/or procedures should be referred to the University Student Grievance Committee.

**The format of make-up exams will be similar but not necessarily identical to the missed exam. If a student has an excused absence for a class, any assigned homework is due at the beginning of the class following the excused absence. Quizzes will be made up at the end of the class following each absence. If a student needs to take a make-up quiz, it is their responsibility to notify the professor at the beginning of the class following the absence. The format of the make-up quiz may be different from the original quiz.

All students in this class are expected to follow the Student Academic Honesty Code found in Section 5 of *The Tiger Cub Student Handbook.*

The Faculty of Auburn University makes every effort to accommodate unique and special needs of its students with respect to speech, hearing, vision, seating, or other credible requirements. Please notify the professor of this class immediately of requests of special accommodations or other ways to enrich your learning experiences in this class.

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is not allowed during class.