MUSI 4020 001  
“Instrumental Pedagogy”  
Fall Semester 2006

Class time: Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:40 p.m.  
Classroom: Goodwin 227

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Course Description

This course is designed for music majors who plan to be band directors or instructors in woodwind, brass and/or percussion instruments. The course will offer an in-depth look at various teaching materials and teaching strategies aimed at producing quality band programs and/or instrumental studios.

Course Objectives

To demonstrate knowledge of materials for use instrumental music instruction

To demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of music to more academic courses

To demonstrate the ability to use a variety of age and grade appropriate instructional techniques in teaching woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

To demonstrate a basic knowledge of how to organize a school or studio instrumental music program.
Special Accommodations

The faculty at Auburn University makes every effort to accommodate unique and special needs of students with respect to speech, hearing, vision, seating or test conditions. Please notify me as soon as possible of special requests or assistance you might require. The Program for Students with Disabilities is available in 1244 Haley Center.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. In case of absence, it is the responsibility of the student to make up any work or assignments. Make-up work will be allowed for excused absences with written and official notification received within 1 week. Please keep cell phones silent during class time. Two or more unexcused absences may result in a lower grade.

Projects

For students whose class attendance and participation is satisfactory, grading will be based on three regular monthly projects and a “final” project. Each project will be given a numerical grade according to the scale below. A monthly project will be due on the last class day of September, October and November. The final project will be due no later than noon, December 8th.

What is an “Excused” Absence?

Excused absences are those for which you bring in a DOCTOR’s excuse or an excuse from a UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL regarding your involvement in a verifiable AU activity. Please note that I regularly verify these excuses. Also, please be aware that notes from parents do NOT excuse you from a class.

Grading Scale

90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, 0-59 = F
Final averages based on 10 pt. scale