

Syllabus: Studies in Music – Low Brass Orchestral Repertoire

MUCG 4890-018/MUCG 5890-018

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Instructor: Steven Menard

Location: MU230

Time: Friday, 9:30-10:50

Office Hours: by appointment, COM 336

Course Objectives

This course will introduce and explore various concepts related to performing in an orchestral low brass section. Discussions will include: balance, intonation, ensemble skills, score study, and technical preparation.

Attendance

Attendance is critical for success in this course. The class will only meet once per week, and everyone is expected to attend each meeting. Any situation requiring absence should be communicated to Professor Menard as soon as possible. Any unexcused absence will result in a lowering of one letter grade.

Grading

- 50% Grading will be based on a subjective analysis of preparation and performance of assigned orchestral repertoire
- 50% Class participation

Preparation Guidelines

Each section will be expected to meet outside of class time to rehearse the assigned repertoire. Intonation, balance, and stylistic indications should be clearly marked in all parts. Due to time constraints, sections should only plan to prepare the most essential excerpts from each piece. Measure/Rehearsal numbers for these excerpts will be provided by Professor Menard.

Steps for great preparation:

1. Listen to recordings of the piece or movement as a section. Establish clear ideas about style and character.
2. Play through the excerpt. Discuss phrasing and direction. Work out intonation issues and listen carefully for balance.
3. Record the excerpt and listen back as a section. Make note of any adjustments that might need to be made.

Links to Important UNT Policy Information

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

LINK: <http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity>

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

LINK: Student Code of Conduct - <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ADA STATEMENT

LINK: disability.unt.edu. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

Spring Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)

<http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1228>

Final Exam Schedule

<http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/spring>

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Link: essc.unt.edu/registrar/ferpa.html