

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – CENTRAL TEXAS
MUAP-4270 Private Instruction Tuba/Euphonium
COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will become proficient in the fundamental elements of tuba/euphonium playing with an emphasis on physical setup, production and flexibility of tone, articulation, and technique. Students will also gain an understanding of how to teach these fundamental elements.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- MUAP 4270 consists of weekly private lessons. Please be punctual for every scheduled lesson. If you cannot attend a scheduled lesson, it is your responsibility to switch lesson times with one of your classmates. If you are unable to do so, there is no guarantee of a make-up lesson
- The following materials are required in every lesson: notebook, pencil, metronome, tuner, and assigned music (including tuba/euphonium and piano parts, if applicable).
- Make your best effort to prepare for every lesson. Lack of preparation may result in dismissal from a lesson.

GRADING POLICY

Grades will be assigned at the end of each semester according to the rubric below.

- 80% -- “Best effort” preparation for all lessons, attendance and punctuality. Progress will be assessed weekly and each student will be given a grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on their preparation of assigned scales and etudes. The student is expected to prepare and perform a minimum of one scale and one etude each week.
- 10% -- Recital
- 10% -- Final Jury/Scale Proficiency Semester 1-Major, 2-Harmonic minor, 3-Melodic minor, 4-Natural minor and modes.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

As most of your class time in this course is spent one-on-one with the instructor, the attendance policy may be more structured than in other courses. Please read carefully.

- For a planned absence or tardy to be excused, my permission is required at least 24 hours before the absence or tardy, though earlier is always better.
- Unplanned absences or tardies may only be excused in the case of sickness or family emergency. In either case, please notify me as soon as possible. In the case of sickness, a doctor’s note may be required for the absence to be excused.
- Each unexcused absence will result in an automatic grade of 0 for that lesson or class.

OFFICE HOURS

In addition to your scheduled classes and lessons, I am available for additional meetings upon request. Please email me to schedule such a meeting.