**BRASS TECHNIQUES I: MUSI 3168-001**

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8:00-8:50 a.m. Monday and Wednesday CA 127  
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If these times do not fit your schedule, please call or e-mail me and we will find a mutually agreeable time. Because of other commitments, I may not always be available during posted hours. Please leave me a note.


**Course Description:** This course is designed to teach future music educators essential pedagogical and performance skills for Trumpet and French Horn.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**
1. The student will be able to provide basic instruction on the Trumpet and French Horn at the elementary, middle school, and secondary level.
2. The student will develop basic performance skills.
3. The student will gain familiarity with brass reference materials and brass equipment, including mouthpieces and mutes.
4. The student will learn how to properly care for brass instruments, and learn basic repair tips.

**Class Materials**
- Instrument - Will be checked out and cared for by each student.
- Textbook
- Three-ring binder for notes/handouts.

**Assignments and Grading:**
1. Playing tests
2. Mid-Term
3. Final Exam
4. Notebook
5. Class Preparation
6. After 3 absences, your grade will be lowered for each additional absence.
**Playing Tests:** Short performance tests will include scales and musical passages. You will be graded on playing position, intonation, tone, articulation, and accuracy to written pitches. You will need to practice a little *every day* in order to do well on these playing exams.

**Notebook**
Use a three-ring binder that will include class notes, handouts and assignments. It must be neatly organized and thorough.

**Class Preparation/Attendance**
To successfully learn a new instrument, it is essential that you practice every day and be in class every day. You will be expected to read assigned chapters in the text, and participate in classroom discussion. You will lose ½ a letter grade for each day that you are absent. After 3 absences, your course grade will be an automatic F.

**Late Work:** It is extremely important that assignments be turned in on time. Any work turned in after the due date will receive a 10% grade reduction per day.

*Notice to Students with Disabilities:* Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you suspect that you may have a disability (physical impairment, learning disability, psychiatric disability, etc.), please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, located in Driftwood 101, at 825-5816. If you need disability accommodations in this class, please see me as soon as possible.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING:** The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

***Grade Appeal Process.*** As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99. C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.