Brass Ensemble (Trumpet) ***SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

MUSI 1135 002
Fall 2014 Schedule and Policies
Fridays 12:00-1:50pm
Location: CA 127

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Course Description:
Brass Ensemble (Trumpet) is open to any trumpet playing music major. Non-majors are required to audition. This course will emphasize the development of characteristic trumpet section sound, chamber music aesthetics, and fundamentals of technique.

Attendance/Absence Policy:
Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances. Each unexcused absence will result in a 10% drop in the final grade. Late arrival or absence at a performance will result in a failing grade for the course. All necessary materials must be present for performances and rehearsals. Students without required music at performances will lose 20% of their final grade.

Grading:
Grading is based on attendance, rehearsal attitude, and improvement. Those students who attend all rehearsals and performances, maintain a positive attitude in all rehearsals, and learn all of the required music will receive an A in the course. Failure to learn the music will result in a lower grade. See the attendance policy for other policies that will impact your final grade.

Performances:
We will be performing on a scheduled recital class. We may schedule other performances throughout the semester, including performances at local schools. The instructor will always notify the students two weeks in advance and confirm that the date is open with the ensemble members. Performance dress code: Dress slacks, shirt and tie for men, long dress or dress slacks for women.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's):
Students in trumpet ensemble will:

- Construct comprehensive performances through careful rehearsal
- Analyze and improve rehearsal technique
- Identify and experience cohesive trumpet section performance
- Create an improved and model trumpet section sound
- Improve technique and musicianship
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. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.