Brass Ensemble (Trumpet)  
***SUBJECT TO CHANGE***
MUSI 1135 002  
Fall 2015 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.

Course Policies: 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 the Brass Ensembles Concert on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7:30pm. This is a required date. 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 a proposed 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
ACADEMIC STATEMENTS

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. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

Grade Appeals

Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamucc.edu/students/studeninfo.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean.

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