Brass Ensemble (Trumpet)
MUSI 1135 002
Spring 2017 Schedule and Policies

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Office Hours: As posted at CA 135
Meets: Fridays, noon – 2pm

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. A student will be dropped from Brass Ensemble (Trumpet) after two absences. Late arrival or absence at a performance will result in a failing grade for the course.

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.

Performances:
We will be performing at TMEA on February 9th, 2017. We will be participating in a master class with Paul Merkelo on February 7th, 2017. We may schedule 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.

Course Objectives/Rehearsal Procedures:
The trumpet ensemble will rehearse on Friday afternoons from noon-2pm. Additional rehearsal times will be agreed upon as needed by instructor and ensemble members. For exact rehearsal times, repertoire, and performance announcements, see the TRUMPET bulletin board at CA 135.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

GRADE APPEALS PROCESS
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, 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 Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures (available at http://academicaffairs.tamu.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C2.01_student_grade_appeal_procedure.pdf). For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s Office.

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.

DISABILITY SERVICES
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall, Room #116. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.