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Individual Instruction Bassoon Syllabus

Lower Level Music Major
(MUSA 1195)

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Course Description:

Students will meet one-on-one with instructor for 50 minutes of instruction per week. This course requires a minimum of nine hours of individual practice per week (spent on lesson/class material) with additional time devoted to reed work.

Course Objectives:

Students will become technically proficient on their instruments and learn to perform varied genres of music. They will study traditional solo literature, scales, etudes, excerpts, duets, and reed making. This course will prepare students to pass their senior recital and ultimately provide the skills necessary for employment as a performer and/or educator.

Prerequisites:

This class requires petition for Music Major Status form with signature of studio teacher. Students must have successfully passed a jury evaluated by the woodwind committee, performed all major scales (2 octaves) **from memory** and demonstrated proficiency on their instrument as determined by the studio teacher.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed during weekly lessons with emphasis placed on preparedness and growth. Playing assignments will be graded on technical accuracy including articulation, time, rhythm, tone, and intonation. Musicality, emotion, and attitude will also be considered in assessing lessons. Additionally, students are expected to perform in recital at least once per semester. Reed making is also an integral part of student success. Students are expected to bring in 12 finished reeds over the course of the semester, ideally one per week to be checked at the beginning of each studio class. The final exam is the Woodwind Jury, where the Woodwind Committee evaluates the progress and approves entrance to upper level status. The committee also approves a performance level adequate to pass students' senior recital. To pass into **upper level music major** lessons (MUSA 3295/3391), students must perform correctly **from memory** all major and minor scales (two octaves) and perform two solo works, at least one with piano accompaniment (Double Jury).

Attendance:

Students will schedule lessons during the first week of classes. Because applied lessons are one-on-one, attendance is imperative. A student's grade will drop one letter grade for each unexcused absence. If a student must miss a lesson (illness, family emergency, etc.), the instructor must be notified in advance and receive written documentation after the fact.

Studio class:

Students are expected to attend studio class which will be scheduled for 50 minutes once a week. While this is an ungraded portion of lessons, attendance and participation are mandatory. More than 2 unexcused absences will result in the loss of one letter on student's final grade. As a member of the studio, students are also expected to attend bassoon recitals and solo performances given by their teacher and peers.

Area and Departmental Recitals Attendance Policy:

1. All students enrolled in Applied Lessons must attend a minimum of twelve (12) Area and Departmental recitals scheduled every Friday at 1:30 p.m., in the Department of Music. **Failing to attend twelve (12) required recitals will lower the student's final Applied Lesson grade by one letter.** Students are responsible for signing in at each recital electronically. Students arriving late, or leaving early may have their attendance voided.

2. When a single area recital is canceled, students must either attend a different area recital held at the same time or attend a makeup event (see makeup procedures, below).

Recital Makeup Procedures

1. Students may make up Area and Departmental recital absences by attending UTEP Music Department concerts and recitals. Non-university concerts such as El Paso Opera, El Paso Symphony, El Paso Wind Symphony, and El Paso Pro-Musica, as well as any other performances given by our faculty and guests, will be accepted.

2. To receive credit for UTEP Music events with *electronic programs*, the student must complete the online **recital makeup form**, available by hyperlink within the electronic program.

o To receive credit for events with physical *paper programs,* the student's program must be **signed at the conclusion of the event by a music faculty member in attendance.**

o The student must submit the signed program with their name and ID number clearly written on the front page to the Music Office (M301). The student must also **sign the makeup log**. Without this information, the student will not receive credit. There will be no exceptions.

o The deadline to turn in signed programs **to the Music Office is Friday of finals week at 5:00 p.m.** There will be no exceptions.

3. Students are responsible for knowing how many recitals they have or have not received credit for attending. Students may check their recital attendance by visiting the Music Office.

Students who may need accommodations:

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

Course Materials:
Instrument, notebook, music, pencil, reeds, basic reed making tools, tuner & metronome.

Course Organization:
Lower Level Music Majors:
Major/Minor scales with varied articulations
Chromatic scale (full range) with varied articulations
Students will be assigned weekly exercises, etudes, solos, and excerpts chosen from (but not limited to) the following list:

Etudes
Weissenborn – "Method for Bassoon" includes: Practical Exercises & 50 Bassoon Studies
pub: Cundy-Bettoney/Carl Fischer

Solos
Bourdeau – "Premier Solo" pub: Rubank
Besozzi - "Sonata in Bb Major" pub: Oxford University Press
Faith - "Suite for Bassoon and Piano" pub: Southern Music Company
Galliard - "Six Sonatas" pub: International
Marcello – "Sonata in G major" pub: IMC
Phillips - "Concert Piece" pub: Carl Fischer
Senaille - "Allegro Spiritoso" pub: Southern MC
Telemann - "Sonata in f minor" pub: TrevCo
Vivaldi - "Sonata in a minor" (or others) pub: International

Bertoli – "Drei Sonaten" pub: Barenreiter
David - "Concertino" pub: Belwin Mills
Devienne – "Sonata in g minor, Op.24, No. 5" pub: Musica Rara
Elgar – "Romance" pub: Masters Music
Hindemith – "Sonate" pub: Schott
Noel-Gallon - "Recit et Allegro" pub: TrevCo
Pierne - "Concertpiece Op 35" pub: TrevCo
Wolf-Ferrari - "Suite Concertino in F Major" pub: Ricordi

Week Activities/Exams
1. C, F major scales and relative minors, Weissenborn, duet
2. Chromatic scale, major scales, Weissenborn, solo
3. Bb, Eb major scales and relative minors Weissenborn, reed adjustment
4. Ab, Db major scales and relative minors, Weissenborn, solo
5. Reed making
6. Gb major scale and relative minor, Weissenborn, solo
7. B major scale and relative minor, Reed making
8. E, A major scales and relative minors, Weissenborn, excerpts
9. D, G major scales and relative minors, solo
10. All scales, solo, duet
11. All scales, solo
12. Jury Prep, Solo lit
13. Jury Prep, Solo lit w/accomp
14. Final Exam – Perform jury piece for woodwind committee