

COURSE SYLLABUS MUE 2452 WOODWIND SKILLS 2

Spring 2025

MON and WED 5th period

MUB 120 and MUB 121

INSTRUCTORS

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OFFICE HOURS

Instructors may be contacted via email to schedule office hour appointments.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To equip the student with basic playing and teaching skills for oboe, bassoon and saxophone.

PREREQUISITE

MUE 2451

COURSE MATERIALS

Texts:

Helton, Jonathan. *Teaching Beginning Saxophonists: A sequential method*. np. Sixth Edition, 2019.

Wolfe Jensen, Kristin. *Music and the bassoon*. www.musicandthebassoon.org

Supplies:

Instruments and one reed for each instrument will be provided for your use. Additional reeds may need to be purchased.

Other works cited and/or reviewed in class:

Auerbach, Jennifer and Sally Bohls. *Beginner Class Boot Camp: A Double Reed Classroom Method*. Bocal Majority: Texas, 2016.

Dietz, William, Editor. *Teaching Woodwinds: A method and resource handbook for music educators*. Schirmer Books: New York, 1998.

Feldstein, Sandy, and John O'Reilly. *Yamaha Band Student*. Alfred Publishing: Van Nuys, CA, 1988.

Grunow, Richard F., et al. *Jump Right In: Oboe Student Book 1*. GIA Publications: Chicago, IL, 2003.

Hegvik, Arthur. *Modern Course for the Saxophone. Book 1*. Henri Elkan: New York, 1971.

Joppig, Gunther. *The Oboe and the Bassoon*. Amadeus Press: Portland Oregon, 1988.

Lautzenheiser, Tim, et. al. *Essential Elements 2000*. Hal Leonard: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1999.

O'Reilly, John, and Mark Williams. *Accent on Achievement*. Alfred Publishing: Van Nuys, CA, 1997.

Pearson, Bruce. *Standard of Excellence*. Neil A Kjos: San Diego, California, 1993.

Weber, Fred. *Alto Saxophone Student*. Belwin-Mills: New York, 1969.

Weber, Fred. *First Division Band Method*. Belwin Mills: New York, 1962.

Westphal, Frederick W. *Guide to Teaching Woodwinds*. Fourth Edition. Dubuque, Iowa : W.C. Brown Publishers, 1985.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance is required of all students enrolled. All students are expected to be on time for class and ready with instruments before the beginning of each class session. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

GRADING

You can earn a total of 300 points in this class. Each module will count for one-third of the final grade (100 points each). Individual modules will be graded as follows:

Bassoon: Two playing tests 25 points each; One written test, 15 points; Beginning Bassoon Mini-Lesson Demonstration 25 points; In-class participation, 10 points

Oboe: Three playing tests, 25 points each; Beginning Oboe mini-Lesson Demonstration, 15 points; One written test, 10 points

Saxophone: Three playing tests, 25 points each; one written test, 25 points

281-300 A	242-250 B-	203-210 D+
272-280 A-	233-241 C+	191-202 D
263-271 B+	221-232 C	182-190 D-
251-262 B	213-220 C-	000-181 E

COURSE SCHEDULE

This course will be team taught in three modules. The class will be broken up into two groups. Students will study each instrument at independent times as the semester progresses. There will be no final exam.

Group A

January 13 – Feb 12 : Oboe MUB 120

February 17 – March 24 : Bassoon MUB 121

March 26 – April 23 : Saxophone MUB 121

Group B

January 13 – Feb 12 : Saxophone MUB 121

February 17 – March 24 : Oboe MUB 120

March 26 – April 23 : Bassoon MUB 120

Oboe Day Schedule

Day 1 Equipment, playing position, embouchure, beginning notes, basic instrument care

Day 2 Beginning notes; key of G; Articulation

Day 3 Key of F & Bb; Right hand F and forked F; Introduction to half hole key

Day 4 **Playing Test #1**; Half hole fingerings (D, Eb)

Day 5 First and second octave keys

Day 6 **Playing Test #2**; Key of D, low C# and half hole C#

Day 7 Left-hand Eb/D#; alternate fingerings

Day 8 **Playing test #3**; Controlling the sound; Reeds

Day 9 Review; Identifying problems; **Oboe mini-lesson demonstration and Written test due**

Saxophone Day Schedule

Day 1 Equipment, Playing position, Embouchure, Basic fingerings

Day 2 Alternate fingerings, Scales

Day 3 **Playing test #1**, Tonguing

Day 4 Identifying problems (equipment, embouchure, fingering, tonguing)

Day 5 Intonation tendencies on the saxophone, Method books

Day 6 **Playing test #2**, Refining the saxophone tone, Reeds

Day 7 The jazz sound, The saxophone family

Day 8 Identifying problems (equipment, embouchure, fingering, tonguing, pitch, tone)

Day 9 **Playing test #3, Written test**

Bassoon Day Schedule

Day 1: Bassoon assembly, key names, reeds, embouchure; correct posture and hand position; basic care and maintenance

Day 2: Beginning notes: C, D, E, and F; Low F, G, A, and B; Playing Test #1 Examples Distributed

Day 3: Thumb key notes: Bb and Eb; Introduction to half hole notes (F#, G, Ab) Guidelines for Beginning Bassoon Mini-Lesson Demonstration Posted on Canvas

Day 4: Venting notes (A, B, Bb, C); Introduction to high notes-Db, D, Eb, E, F, F#, and G

Day 5: **Playing Test #1;**

Day 6: Adding more thumb keys: middle Db and Low notes-Bb, B, C, Db, D, Eb, and E; Playing Test #2 Examples Distributed

Day 7: Basic reed adjustments and beginning bassoon trouble-shooting

Day 8: **Playing Test #2;** Written test posted on Canvas

Day 9: Beginning Bassoon **Mini-Lesson Demonstration/Written test due**

Adjustments and corrections to the syllabus will be communicated via email.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLY FEE

\$48.78

COURSE EVALUATION

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class

STUDENTS REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <http://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester