

Tuba Euphonium Pedagogy

MUL4442

I. Course Information

Spring 2025

Meeting Time/Day: Wednesday (10:40-11:30am)

Location: MUB 146

Instructor

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Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of and hands-on experience regarding issues pertaining to teaching methods and techniques. In addition to the exploration of different pedagogical approaches, the students will learn the standard repertoire for both the tuba and euphonium from the beginning levels through collegiate. Topics will include.

- Develop excellence in teaching.
- Compare and analyze teaching methods and techniques.
- Understand learning style profiles.
- Understand your role as an educator in a Social Change Ecosystem.
- Develop a teaching philosophy.
- Increase knowledge of tuba and euphonium repertoire in relation to the musical timeline.
- Develop an increased understanding of major developments in tuba euphonium history and repertoire.
- Develop a confident and professional style of performing and public speaking.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate pedagogical techniques.
- Develop a personal teaching style.
- Develop concepts and activities for teaching Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in context of your teaching position.
- Demonstrate proper technique and develop techniques to effectively improve and fix low brass students' overall skills.
- Know multiple methods of brass pedagogy and apply concepts to teaching.
- Develop an understanding of original works, transcriptions, and arrangements for tuba and euphonium in a solo and ensemble setting.
- Learn and research historical aspects of tuba euphonium repertoire and be able to apply the knowledge.

Required Texts

- The Brass Players Cookbook – ed. Kenneth Amis
- A Practical Guide to Studio Teaching in Higher Education - Scott Watson and Jerry Young
- Intelligent Music Teaching - Robert Duke
- Musical Performance: Learning Theory and Pedagogy - Daniel Kohut

Recommended Texts

- Marginalized Voices in Music Education – ed. Brent C. Talbot
- The Cambridge Companion to Brass Instruments – Trevor Herbert & John Wallace
- The Tuba Family – Clifford Bevan
- Mr. Tuba – Harvey Phillips
- Berlioz' Orchestration Treatise: A Translation and Commentary – H. MacDonald
- Music Landscapes in Color: Conversations with Black American Composers – W. Banfield
- Speak No Evil: Talking Race as an African American in Music Education – J. McCall
- The Tuba Source Book
- The Euphonium Source Book
- Also Sprach Arnold Jacobs – Compiled by Bruce Nelson (Recommended)

In addition to the required texts, students are responsible for researching and reading books, articles, scholarly publication, and other materials that pertain to the topic being discussed.

Each Week will include:

- Readings
- Discussions of reading and application
- Watching pedagogy videos
- Project presentation or teaching demonstrations

II. Weekly Schedule

Week	Description	Due
Week 1	Course Introduction and Projects Discussion: What is pedagogy? What is teaching and learning? Read for Week 2: Chapter 1 – The Whole Musician & Chapter 1 – Also Sprach	
Week 2	Learning Style Profiles In-Class Discussion of Readings	Project No. 1
Week 3	Embouchure Part 1 – Readings and videos Read and Discuss – Seeing Race Again (Crenshaw)	
Week 4	Embouchure Part 2 – Readings and Videos	Project No. 2

Week 5	Embouchure Part 3	
Week 6	Breathing – Readings and Videos	Project No. 3
Week 7	Articulation Language Influence on Brass Performance Read and Discuss: A Female Band Director’s Career in a Culture of Masculinity	
Week 8	Range Development	Project No. 4
Week 9	Performance Success Body Mapping	
Week 10	Common Problems and Suggested Remedies	Project No. 5
Week 11	Etudes, Method Books, Lesson planning and assessment	
Week 12	Interview Techniques Doubling	Project No. 6
Week 13	Equipment – Mouthpiece design and function, instruments	Project No. 7
Week 14	Presentation of your research in class	
Week 15	Presentation of your research in class	Project No. 8

III. Assignments Projects

Project Number	Description
Project No. 1 – Due Week 2	Brass Player’s Cookbook. Select and evaluate (in writing) three chapters from <i>The Brass Player’s Cookbook</i> after personally implementing suggested recipes for performance. Discuss the author’s ideas, communication skills, and whether the concept proved to be helpful/valuable. Orally present/demonstrate one reading to the class. 50 pts.
Project No. 2 – Due Week 4	Present a pedagogy topic of choice in class, masterclass style (15 min). Create a handout or use PowerPoint and present in an engaging and participatory manner based on your research topic. Possible topics include but are not limited to breathing, improving one’s practice, developing and improving musicianship, learning to improvise, peak performance, the value of chamber music, embouchure, health and wellness, articulation, developing tone, or a topic of your choice. Your teaching will be recorded for you and your professor’s assessment. 100 pts.
Project No. 3 – Due Week 6	Write a personal teaching philosophy statement. 50 pts. https://teaching.uwo.ca/awardsdossiers/teachingphilosophy.html
Project No. 4 – Due week 8	Write a statement on the topic of “Equity in Context of Teaching” -
Project No. 5 – Due Week 10	15- Minute Presentation in studio class (record your presentation). 50 pts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create handout or a slide presentation 2. Choose a topic of focus

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Introduce the concept 4. Demonstrate the concept 5. Review the concept 6. Present a closing statement in the form of inspiration
Project No. 6 – Due week 12	Teaching observation – observe a non-brass lesson. Share your observations in pedagogy class
Project No. 7 – Due week 13	15-minute in class lesson teaching – observed. 25pts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite a euph or tuba student to class to teach, with observation and feedback 2. Record your teaching session
Project No. 8 – Due Week 15 *Week 14 and 15 in-class presentations of your paper	Final: Research Paper and Presentation – Choice of Topic. 100 pts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8–10-page paper on a pedagogical topic of choice. Double-spaced, formatted, footnotes where applicable – present information, in the form of properly-cited resources, including quotations or score excerpts where appropriate. • Analyze and compare information, giving some insight into its content and pedagogical value. • Critically evaluate information, offering insight into the uses and relative merits of different materials. • Include concepts and application of diversity, equity, inclusion within your selected topic. Grad Students: Update and turn in CV

IV. Grading

Description	Points
Participation	100 pts
Project No. 1	50 pts
Project No. 2	100 pts
Project No. 3	50 pts
Project No. 4	50 pts
Project No. 5	50 pts
Project No. 6	50 pts
Project No. 7	25 pts
Project No. 8	100 pts
Attendance	50 pts
	Total Points
	625

Percent	Grade
94-100	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D

V. University Policies

More information on UF grades and grading policies is here:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

University Honesty Policy

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Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and

legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: Student Honor Pledge

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Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without the permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Campus Resources:

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Health and Wellness:

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Academic Resources:

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>