



Applied Lesson/Studio Syllabus
Spring 2021 - University of Florida
MVB 1000-7000

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Course Description

Applied lessons are designed to be a progressive sequence of learning adapted to each individual tuba and euphonium student. Each student is presented with the opportunity to develop the highest level of musicianship and artistry that he/she/they are capable. In addition to in-class learning experiences, each student is expected to challenge themselves through collaboration and innovative outreach experiences.

Student Learning Outcomes

Throughout the semester each student is expected to be able to demonstrate the following:

- a growing interest in their craft (reading articles, listening to and exploring tuba/euphonium related materials)
 - be able to clearly express ideas and thoughts when speaking in public
 - develop a positive and constructive evaluation of performances
 - express a clear understanding and execution of scales and technical exercises
 - explore various ways of expressing oneself musically
 - continually strive to challenge and push yourself out of your comfort zone
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Required Materials

Please purchase these materials in a timely manner so they can be utilized throughout lessons:

- Lesson Journal (Please bring this to each lesson - allowing you to take notes throughout the lesson and keep track of personal progress)
- Instrument, Mouthpiece, Oils and Sprays

- B.E.R.P: <https://www.wbw.com>
- Mouthpiece Rim: <https://www.windsongpress.com>
- ITEA Chapter E-Membership: www.iteaonline.org
- Recording device (Zoom recorder, phone, microphone with computer) - Please record each lesson and take notes
- Daily/Monthly Planner
- Metronome/Tuner (Phone apps are just fine)
- USB Microphone

Required Texts

Please purchase all required text in a timely manner.

- Brass Gym (<https://www.focus-on-music.com>)
- Arban's Complete Method (<https://www.hickeys.com>)
- Scale and Arpeggio Routines by Brian Bowman (<https://hickeys.com>)
- 43 Bel Canto Studies for Tuba by Marco Bordogni (<https://www.hickeys.com>)
- Melodious Etudes for Trombone by Marco Bordogni (<https://www.hickeys.com>)

Lesson Schedules

- Music minors and non-majors will meet with Dr. VanTuinen for 30 minutes each week after agreeing up a meeting time.
- Tuba/Euphonium Majors in combination and Music Education will have weekly 50-minute lessons with Dr. VanTuinen.
- Freshman and Sophomore Tuba/Euphonium Majors in combination and Music Education will have an additional weekly 30-minute lesson with a designated GA
- If you wish to have additional lessons with the GA and are outside of the first two years of study please reach out.
- When Dr. VanTuinen is away on tour lessons will be rearranged and adjusted accordingly.

Practice Expectations

Music Performance Majors - 3-4 hours of practice per day (goal oriented and efficient)

- 1 hour devoted to fundamentals (musicality, long tones, scales, lip slurs, intonation, improvisation, transposition)
- 30 minutes devoted to etudes (both lyrical and technical)
- 30 minutes devoted to orchestral/band and brass band excerpts
- 1-2 hours devoted to solo, chamber and ensemble repertoire

Music Education/Combination Majors - Minimum 2 hours of practice per day (goal oriented and efficient)

- 30 minutes devoted to fundamentals (musicality, long tones, scales, lip slurs, intonation, improvisation, transposition)
- 30 minutes devoted to etudes (both lyrical and technical)
- 1-2 hours devoted to solo, chamber and ensemble repertoire

Practice Room Policy and Protocol

Tuba/Euphonium Studio Assigned Practice Room: 234K

- Each student will receive a key throughout the first week of classes. If you do not receive a key shortly after the start of the semester please email Trent Weller (tweller@arts.ufl.edu) our equipment and building manager.
- You must lock the door each time you leave the room.
- Students outside of the tuba/euphonium studio are NOT allowed in this space
- Please wipe down every surface you made contact with inside the practice room before leaving
- Practice rooms will only be available during normal class periods (7:25am-10:00pm) Fridays are blocked out until 5:10pm to allow time for the piano tuners to have uninterrupted time.
- Practice Room Sign-up sheets will be on the studio door in order to sign out a time to practice.

Room Usage Rules - These rules are ironbound and must be followed to the letter. The first violation will result in the student being reported to the Student Affairs COVID-19 Education Office. The second will result in a second report to Student Affairs and immediate loss of all practice room privileges for the remainder of the semester. This is a health and safety situation and there will be no third strike.

1. Users must wait in the outdoor hallway until their reservation time begins.
2. Do not enter the practice room or practice area until the EXACT minute the class period begins. There can be no loitering in the interior hallways at ANY time.
3. Single occupancy only! No more than one student in the practice room at a time for any reason.
4. NO. FOOD. OR. DRINK. Not even water. This is no longer an issue of cleanliness or protecting pianos. This is about the health and safety of every person who uses the room. If you need water, you must go out of the practice room area.
5. Spit and/or spit rags must be CAREFULLY emptied into the provided foot-operated trash can. These and sterilizing wipes are the ONLY things that should go in the can. Other trash should be deposited in regular trash cans in the hallways.
6. The provided rubbing alcohol and wipes should be used to wipe down surfaces in the practice room upon entering including door knobs, stands, and piano keys. They are NOT to be used on the finished surfaces of the piano, just the keys. Used wipes can then be deposited in the spit can.
7. Practice time is 45 minutes. Each occupant MUST leave the practice room and practice room area immediately at the end of the period, so packing up needs to take place BEFORE then to allow for a full 15 minute refresh period.
8. Lock the door. Each user must lock AND securely close the door when they leave to ensure that only those assigned to the room can enter it.
9. Masks must be worn at all times except when alone in the practice room with the door securely shut.

Jury

Juries will take place at the end of each semester and act as a final exam of sorts for your applied lesson/studio grade. Students will prepare two selected works of contrasting styles to perform in front of a panel of judges (brass faculty) and will be assessed according to their preparation. Sight-reading may be administered during these examinations.

- A sign-up sheet will be sent out via email a week prior.

Scale/Sight Reading Jury

Every student will perform a scale/sight-reading jury during the last week of classes outside of their performance jury. Scales and patterns will be assigned to each student on an individual basis.

- A sign-up sheet will be sent out via email a week prior.
 - Scale and Sight Reading Juries will take place on **Monday, April 26th** unless otherwise specified.
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Studio Class

Monday's at 12:50 each week.

- Each we will meet as a full studio and explore various topics within the low brass world.
- An additional day will be decided upon within the first week of classes that will act as our rehearsal time for both Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble and Chamber Rehearsals.
- Please come prepared to each studio class with a planner and any materials we discuss over email.

Wednesday or Friday time TBA

- This class will primarily focus on the rehearsal of ensemble music.

Digital Portfolio

Each student taking applied lessons with Dr. VanTuinen will be required to start a digital portfolio that outline your journey through your degree. Displaying a record of your musical activities and achievements. **DUE MONDAY, April 26th at Noon.**

Please Include:

- Resume/CV
- Semester/Year Goals
- Self-Reflection
- Recordings, Articles and Creative Projects
- Compile a list of pieces, etudes and chamber pieces performed

Recommended Software/Hardware - Not Required

- DaVinci Resolve 16: (<https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve/>)
- Audacity: (<https://www.audacityteam.org>)
- Blue Snowball USB Mic: (<https://www.bluemic.com/en-us/products/snowball/>)
- Canva: (<https://www.canva.com>)
- Google Sites for Digital Portfolio

Listening Assignments

Listening assignments are required for both undergraduate and master's students. Each week you will critically listen to the given selection and reflect on what you are hearing. In a 5-10 sentence summary please discuss the performance, how this relates to your area of study, what you enjoyed or disliked about the particular piece or performance. Each week you will have a total of two pieces to listen to excluding week 12. These assignments are due to me **via email** every **FRIDAY** by **NOON**.

Naxos Music Library: <https://ufl-naxosmusiclibrary-com.lp.hscl.ufl.edu>

Brass Band Listening Assignments

Week 1 - [A Moorside Suite for Brass Band](#)

Week 2 - ["Nimrod" from 'Enigma Variations'](#) - Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Week 3 - [Triumph of Time](#) - Cory Brass Band

Week 4 - [From Ancient Times](#) - JMU Brass Band

Week 5 - [Metropolis 1927](#) - Fountain City Band

Week 6 - [Searching for Light](#) - Oslo Brass Band

Week 7 - [Coventry Variations](#) - Brassband Panta Rhei

Week 8 - [Voyage to Worlds Unknown](#) - UGA Brass Band

Week 9 - [Resurgam](#) - Eikanger-Bjørsvik Musikklag

Week 10 - [A Downland Suite](#) - London Collegiate Brass

Week 11 - [Blenheim Flourishes](#) - Brass Band Mühledorf

Week 12 - [On the Shoulders of Giants](#) - Cory Band

Solo Listening Assignments

Week 1 - [Also Sprach Zarathustra](#) - Tennessee Tech

Week 2 - [Samson et Delilah, Act II by Saint-Saëns](#): Tuba - Thomas Leleu

Week 3 - [Grande Fantaisie dramatique by Demersseman](#): Ophecleide - Patrick Wibert

Week 4 - [Latin Suite by Elbaz](#): Leleu Trio

Week 5 - [Saxhornia by Semier-Collery](#): Euphonium - Ayaka Sato

Week 6 - [A Serpent's Dream by Godard](#): Serpent - Michel Godard

Week 7 - [Latin Jazz Suite by Gomez](#): Tuba - Velvet Brown

Week 8 - [Proverbially](#): Euphonium - Glenn Van Looy

Week 9 - [Andante e Rondo ungharese by Weber](#): Euphonium - Bryce Edwards

Week 10 - [Orchestral Excerpts](#): STS 2015

Week 11 - DISCOVERY - Find a piece or collection of works you've found interesting

Grading and Attendance

| 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 |

| Weekly Lessons/Recital Attendance and Preparedness | 500 points |
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| Listening/Reflection Submissions | 50 points |
| Juries Combined | 250 points |
| E-Portfolio | 200 points |
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| Total | 1000 points |

Recital Attendance

All studio members are required to attend any Tuba/Euphonium performance (i.e. recitals). I highly encourage every person to attend all large ensemble concerts to support your studio mates. If you need to miss an event I need to know at least a week prior unless it's an emergency. If not notified your grade will be negatively impacted.

Weekly Calendar

| Week of the Semester | Dates | Happenings |
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| Week 1 | Jan. 11 - 15 | Brass Band Auditions (9:35-11:30) in 121 - Rehearsal in Studio |
| Week 2 | Jan. 18 - 22 | NO SCHOOL on 18th - Possible Friday Rehearsal |
| Week 3 | Jan. 25 - 29 | National Anthem Recording in Studio |
| Week 4 | Feb. 1 - 5 | Rehearsal in Studio |
| Week 5 | Feb. 8 - 12 | Rehearsal in Studio - Guest Ban Vasko in Studio on Friday |

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| Week 6 | Feb. 15 - 19 | - Rehearsal in Studio -Recording Unaccompanied Pieces Feb. 20 (8:30-1:40) in MUB 101 |
| Week 7 | Feb. 22 - 26 | - Dr. Alex Lapins Guest in Studio - Unaccompanied Recital Premier Feb. 27th at 7:00pm |
| Week 8 | Mar. 1 - 5 | Rehearsal in Studio |
| Week 9 | Mar. 8 - 12 | - Rehearsal in Studio - Record Tuba Ensemble Pieces on Mar. 13th time and location TBA |
| Week 10 | Mar. 15 - 19 | - Performance Masterclass in Studio - Tuba Ensemble Concert Premier Mar. 20 at 7:00pm |
| Week 11 | Mar. 22 - 26 | NO STUDIO |
| Week 12 | Mar. 29 - Apr. 2 | - Performance Masterclass in Studio |
| Week 13 | Apr. 5 - 9 | - Accompanist time with Dr. V during studio - April 10 (8:30-2:45) Recording Solos with Piano in MUB 101 |
| Week 14 | Apr. 12 - 16 | - Scale Prep during Studio - Studio Solo Recital Premier April 17th at 7:00pm |
| Week 15 | Apr. 19 - 23 | NO STUDIO |
| Week 16 - EXAM WEEK | Apr. 26 - 30 | - Projects Due at NOON on April. 26th. - Scale/Sight Reading Juries |

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

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 (<https://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.

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: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

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/>.

Academic Resources

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>.

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>.