COURSE SYLLABUS MUE 2452 WOODWIND SKILLS 2
Spring 2021
MON and WED 5th period
MUB 121 and Online

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
A. Texts:

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

C. Other works cited and/or reviewed in class:
Auerbach, Jennifer and Sally Bohls. Beginner Class Boot Camp: A Double Reed Classroom Method.
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
Each module will count for one-third of the final grade. Individual modules will be graded as
follows:

Bassoon: Two playing tests 30% each; One written test, 15%; Beginning Bassoon Video Demo, 25%

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

Oboe: Four playing tests, 15% each; final playing test, 25%; final written test 15%

COURSE SCHEDULE
This course will be team taught in three modules. Students will study each instrument at
independent times as the semester progresses. Students will attend 27 class periods during the
course of the semester. There will be no final exam.

First Class Meeting, January 20

Module 1 - Saxophone
JAN 20, 25, 27
FEB 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

Module 2 - Oboe
FEB 22, 24
MAR 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22

Module 3 - Bassoon
MAR 24, 29, 31
APR 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
Oboe Module
Day 1 Putting instrument together
Day 2 Lessons 1-4
Day 3 Lessons 5-8
Day 4 Lessons 9-10
Day 5 Lessons 11-12 Playing Test: Lesson 7, #7 & #8
Day 6 Lessons 13-16 Playing Test: Lesson 8, #2 & #7
Day 7 Lessons 17-20 Playing Test: Lesson 11, #1 & #7
Day 8 Lessons 21-24 Playing Test: Lesson 14 #7 & Lesson 16 #4
Day 9 Lessons 25-28 Final Playing Test; Final Written Test

Bassoon Module
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 Video Demo distributed and discussed.
Day 4: Half hole notes continued; venting notes (A, B, Bb, C)
Day 5: Playing Test #1; Adding more thumb keys: middle Db and Low notes-Bb, B, C, Db, D, Eb, and E; Playing Test #2 Examples Distributed
Day 6: Low notes continued; Introduction to high notes-Db, D, Eb, E, F, F#, and G
Day 7: high notes continued; basic reed adjustments
Day 8: Playing Test #2; Written Test distributed
Day 9: Beginning Bassoon Video Demo Due/Written Test Due (submit to Canvas)

Saxophone Module
Day 1 Equipment, Playing position, Embouchure (vs. clarinet), 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

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.aa.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.aa.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

ONLINE CLASS POLICY
Our online class sessions may be audio visually recorded. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the “chat” feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.
UNIVERSITY COVID-RELATED POLICY

We will have some face-to-face instructional sessions to accomplish the student learning objectives of this course. In response to COVID-19, the following policies and requirements are in place to maintain your learning environment and to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions.

• You are required to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings. Following and enforcing these policies and requirements are all of our responsibility. Failure to do so will lead to a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.
• This course has been assigned a physical classroom with enough capacity to maintain physical distancing (6 feet between individuals) requirements. Please utilize designated seats and maintain appropriate spacing between students. Please do not move desks or stations.
• Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
• Follow your instructor’s guidance on how to enter and exit the classroom. Practice physical distancing to the extent possible when entering and exiting the classroom.
• If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (Click here for guidance from the CDC on symptoms of coronavirus), please use the UF Health screening system and follow the instructions on whether you are able to attend class. Click here for UF Health guidance on what to do if you have been exposed to or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.
• Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. Find more information in the university attendance policies.

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