



University of Florida Brass Band
Fall 2025
MUN 1000-6000

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Office Hours: By appointment

Course Description

The University of Florida Brass Band is designed to introduce students to not only a new set of repertoire, but a unique style of playing that is only experienced within this particular ensemble setting. The Brass Band is open to all students at the University of Florida and is based solely on audition. Non-music majors are welcomed and encouraged.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through the competition of this course, students should be able to successfully:

- Perform at a high level of proficiency as a soloist, section musician and ensemble member.
- Gain a better understanding of standard brass band repertoire and their importance throughout the history of the ensemble
- Gain a deeper understanding of expressing oneself through performance in an ensemble of “like” instruments.

Rehearsal Expectations

Please come to rehearsal having already listened to each piece in addition to working on difficult sections. Rehearsal is not a place for you to practice your parts, but rather practice as an ensemble. Please come with a pencil, and the appropriate mutes/equipment. Please show up to rehearsal as soon as you can to help set up your chair and stand. We will begin right at the top of the period with a tuning pitch from the principal cornet.

Brass Band To-Do List

- If you are playing on a cornet, tenor horn, or baritone please have them checked out in your name the day immediately following auditions.

- Have the appropriate mouthpieces (solo cornet, cornet $\frac{2}{3}$, soprano, tenor horn)
- Pick up your music folders from my office the day following auditions
- Download Microsoft Teams - this helps to facilitate quick and efficient communication.

Rehearsal Location

Steinbrenner Band Hall

Rehearsal Time

Tuesday and Thursday Period 11 (Fall semester will begin 15 minutes late to accommodate travel time from the marching field - resulting in rehearsal going over by 15 minutes)

Concert Attire

Formal Concert - Attire consists of all black, to tux

Holiday Concerts - Will allow for relaxed holiday attire

Community Concerts - Brass Band Polo and black pants

NABBA Performance - All black with possible vests

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

Grading Breakdown	Points
Weekly Rehearsal Attendance	1000 points
Rehearsal Preparedness	1000 points
Concert Attendance	1000 points
Total	3000 points

Attendance

Attendance is required to perform in each concert cycle. Please email 24 hours in advance to get an excusal. One personal day is permitted. Every absence following will result in a deduction of your final grade by one half letter grade.

Concert Dates: Fall 2025

Concert #1

October 22, 2025 @ 7:20pm in the University Auditorium

- Call time 6:15pm
- Equipment move 5:20pm
- Concert black attire

December 2, 2025 @ 7:20pm in the University Auditorium

- Call time 6:15pm
- Equipment move 5:10pm
- Concert black attire

University Policies

Information about University-wide policies and resources can be found here:

<https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>