

MUS 100H

Tuba/Euphonium Chamber Music

Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Music
Fall 2024 Course Syllabus

Dr. Jeff Baker, Professor of Tuba & Euphonium

Course Description:

This course provides the opportunity for instrumentalists to become familiar with a variety of music intended for small ensemble, through the study and performance of appropriate literature. The rehearsal schedule is intended to provide adequate preparation time for worthwhile performance experiences of quality literature. Students may also be presented with leadership opportunities, as appropriate and assigned.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will perform selected repertoire suitable to the student's musical development with intermediate technique and musicianship.

Contact Information and Office Hours:

Music Building, Room 229

Email: Jeff.Baker@tamuc.edu

Dr. Baker's Cell Phone: 469-417-9404

Office Hours: Meetings may be scheduled by appointment

Schedule of Events:

Rehearsals TBD based on participant's availability.

Attendance Policy:

Students enrolled in MUS 100H are required to attend weekly rehearsals and any additional sectionals. An unapproved absence from any of these events constitutes an unexcused absence towards the student's final grade. Each unexcused absence will lower the student's final lesson grade by one letter.

Absences without prior notification or approval are considered unexcused. In the event of illness or an emergency, the student must contact the instructor by phone or e-mail in advance.

Excessive tardiness will negatively affect the student's final grade. If the student is late to THREE events (rehearsals, sectionals, performances), one unexcused absence will be added to their final attendance for the semester. Each unexcused absence will lower the student's final grade by one letter.

Grading Procedures:

Each unexcused absence will lower the final grade by one level. Three unexcused absences from lessons or studio events will result in an "F" for the course. Grades are based on lesson preparation and progress, tune/transposition tests, scale exams, written assignments, participation in studio and warmup sessions, the pre-jury hearing, and the final jury hearing. If a student is failing the class, he or she will be notified.

Grading Explanation

- A Superior performance, perfect attendance at studio events, superior participation in ensembles as well as attending outside professional performances. Outstanding musical progress, student is prepared, timely and professional communication.
- B Excellent performance, good attendance at studio events, excellent participation in ensembles as well as attending outside professional performances. Noticeable musical progress, student is prepared, timely communication.
- C Average performance, fair attendance at studio events, some participation in ensembles, student is consistently unprepared, little or no progress, problematic communication.
- D Poor performance, lack of preparation, attendance and/or attitude problems. Unacceptable preparation, unacceptable progress, lack of communication.
- F Failure of the class due to attendance, lack of preparation, unacceptable progress, or other factors.

School of Music Mission Statement

The Texas A&M University-Commerce School of Music promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Nondiscrimination Notice

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

COVID-19 Safety – Illness and Attendance

Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.

Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 911.

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Waters Library, Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

AI use in course

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty
13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

LMS

All course sections offered by A&M-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements:

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

Access and Navigation

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

University Communication and Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>