



MUS 149, 151, 152, 351, 352, 551, 552

Applied French Horn

Course Syllabus: Spring Semester 2025

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Course Information

Course Description

MUS 149 is applied music at the beginner level. Intended for students majoring in subjects other than Music.

MUS 151 One to four semester hours. Private instruction for music majors in keyboard, voice, instruments, or composition. The course includes recitals and performance forums with teacher-directed student evaluations and instructions. May be repeated for credit.

MUS 152 Principal Applied. One to four semester hours. Private instruction for music majors in keyboard, voice, instruments, or composition. This course includes recitals and performance forums with teacher-directed student evaluations and instructions. May be repeated for credit.

MUS 351 Private instruction for advanced music majors in keyboard, voice, instruments, or composition. This course includes recitals and performance forums with teacher-directed student evaluations and instructions. All students must pass the upper division barrier examination prior to enrollment. May be repeated for credit

MUS 352 Principal Applied. One to four semester hours. Private instruction for advanced music majors in keyboard, voice, instruments, or composition. This course includes recitals and performance forums with teacher directed student evaluations and instructions. All students must pass the upper division barrier examination prior to enrollment. May be repeated for credit.

MUS 551 Applied Music. (Minor applied) One to four semester hours. Private instruction for graduate performance majors. Prerequisites: Satisfactory level assessed in the applied music performance audition.

MUS 552 Applied Music. (Principal applied) One to four semester hours. Private instruction for music majors in keyboard, vocal instrumental, conducting, or composition. May be repeated for credit.

Student Learning Outcomes

In this course, students will:

Minors

MUS 149: Students will perform selected repertoire with technique and musicianship suitable for a non-major and appropriate to the student's musical and developmental level.

MUS 151: Students will perform selected repertoire with basic technique and musicianship suitable for a secondary performance medium.

MUS 351: Students will perform selected repertoire with basic to intermediate technique and musicianship suitable for a secondary performance medium.

MUS 551: Students will perform selected repertoire with intermediate to advanced level technique and musicianship suitable for a minor applied lesson at the graduate level.

Majors

MUS 152: In level one principal applied lessons, students will perform selected repertoire suitable to the student's musical development with intermediate technique and musicianship in preparation for the upcoming junior level proficiency exam.

MUS 352: In level three principal applied lessons, students will perform selected repertoire suitable to the student's musical development with advanced technique and musicianship in preparation for the upcoming junior or senior recital.

MUS 552: In level five principal applied lessons, graduate students will perform selected repertoire suitable to the student's musical development with professional level technique and musicianship in preparation for the upcoming graduate recital.

This course will provide students an opportunity to explore and develop skills relating to horn performance, repertoire, and pedagogy. Students will develop and maintain excellent fundamentals, and a healthy approach to horn playing while advancing their listening skills and musicianship. Through their studies in applied horn students will be able to perform works from the standard solo, etude, and ensemble repertoire with excellent tone, rhythm and pitch accuracy, and with informed and convincing musical expression.

Topics of instruction will include:

- The warm up as a means of practicing excellent tone production and control
- Fundamental exercises including harmonic series slurs, range development, and flexibility
- Etudes
- Solo repertoire
- Pedagogy

- Sight reading

The applied instructor selects literature and plans lessons in a logical sequence specifically designed to prepare each student to meet the stated learning outcomes. Thus, the literature and skills addressed in each lesson will vary according to each student's experience in performance repertoire and technical strengths and weaknesses. In practice, after assessing a student's skills and needs in the early lessons, the instructor often provides a more detailed overview of the semester's activities; however, this overview is specific to that student and the sequential activities are contingent upon that student's continued progress.

Required Textbook

152 Level

Kopprasch – 60 studies

Rochut – Melodious etudes for trombone

352 Level

Gallay – Unmeasured Preludes

Maxime-Alphonse

Reynolds – 48 Etudes

Course Requirements

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Assessments

Assessments are completed following each lesson and available on D2L

Grading

Grades will be based on the following:

- Weekly lessons – 75%
- Jury exam – 25%
- Attendance and participation in Monday Horn Studio is required

Course and University Procedures / Policies

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all lessons unless prior contact with the Professor.

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](#)

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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, contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 903-886-5150, 903-886—5835; email studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu; online at [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#); or in-person in Room 162 of the Velma K. Waters Library.

Tenets of Common Behavior

All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook);

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

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 9-1-1.