



East Texas A&M University-School of Music
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Applied Saxophone Course Syllabus: Fall 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Texts & Materials:

ALL Students are required to have a metronome (or metronome app) for technical repetition/rhythmic improvement and an electronic tuner (or tuner app) to improve intonation. This is highly recommended for all students taking saxophone lessons but required of majors. Texts and music for the course will vary depending on the student's level of proficiency. Students are expected to purchase a small amount of music each semester as well as have 3-4 high quality reeds in playable condition, quality reed holder, saxophone and sax accessories in working condition, notebook and reed tools at each lesson.

General Areas of Study

Tone Production, Breathing, Intonation, Articulation, Rhythm, Technique, Embouchure, Selecting and Adjusting reeds, Practice Techniques, Pedagogy, and Jazz Studies (including improvisation).

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate the basics of musical performance with special attention to rhythm, tone quality, range, musical phrasing, intonation, and style
2. Demonstrate the ability to perform music from different stylistic periods
3. Demonstrate the ability to perform music in varied key signatures, keys, and meter signatures
4. Demonstrate the ability to perform all major and minor scales in the designated form

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Scales

Major, minor (natural, harmonic, melodic), and chromatic. Additional scale/mode studies include: dorian, phrygian, lydian, mixolydian, locrian, whole tone, and diminished. Arpeggios and scales in thirds and fourths and additional scales/arpeggio patterns will also be included under scale studies.

Saxophone Majors

Saxophone majors are required to perform on woodwind juries or degreed recitals each semester of study. Absence or tardiness from a jury/recital will negatively affect your grade. Majors are also required to perform on at least one public recital or studio class performance each semester as well as attend all studio classes and on-campus saxophone recitals (faculty, student, and guest artist recitals/master classes). Scheduling of ALL required student degreed recitals & hearings will be completed prior to October 15th or the recital will be cancelled! The acquisition of a pianist for your final jury performance (if needed) will be required prior to November 15th or your jury may result in a grade of zero! All students must have rehearsed a minimum of 1 time with your accompanist prior to any jury exam or recital hearing. If you fail to sign up for a jury time-slot by 5pm the Friday before juries begin (Dec. 4th) you will NOT be allowed to perform a jury exam and will receive a grade of zero for your jury. Note: All Jr., Sr. & Graduate Performance Majors are required to audition for the Concerto competition (preliminary round) during their juries in the Fall semester only.

Instructional Methods

The primary mode of instruction for Applied Saxophone is the weekly, face-to-face lesson. In the lesson, emphasis is placed on the technical and musical development of the student through a series of etudes, patterns and literature.

Student Responsibilities and Tips for Success in the Course

In addition to the weekly lesson, students are expected to practice daily in order to progress towards their musical goals. Active listening to related musical genres should also be a daily part of your practice routine.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F = 59% or Below

Assessments

Grading assessment is based on attendance, preparation, progress, and performance of study materials to include repertoire works, etudes, scale/mode studies and any other fundamental exercises as assigned by the professor. You will be assigned a weekly grade in lessons (60%) based on the above criteria and along with your jury grade (30%) and scale/arpeggio midterm (10%) will average into your final grade in the course. 70% weekly lesson grade & 30% jury grade will be the grading percentages for non-majors. One unexcused absence will be allowed before the course grade is affected. Each unexcused absence after that will result in a grade of zero for the weekly lesson missed. Tardiness will be recorded and will negatively affect your grade. Unexcused absences and tardiness from weekly studio classes will negatively affect your grade. **Note: Please be warmed up before your lesson so we can make the best use of your lesson time.**

UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATEMENTS

School of Music Mission Statement:

The School of Music at East Texas A&M University 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.

University Mission Statement:

East Texas A&M University provides a personal educational experience for

a diverse community of life-long learners. Our purpose is to discover and disseminate knowledge for leadership and service in an interconnected and dynamic world. Our challenge is to nurture partnerships for the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic vitality of Texas and beyond.

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#). <http://www.etamu.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

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

Academic Integrity

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

UNDERGRADUATE POLICIES

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

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

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

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.etamu.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M, 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.etamu.edu/counsel

Student Conduct and 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.

The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Current University Student Guidebook

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>

Campus Concealed Carry Statement:

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University 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 the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web

url: <http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStateMents/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all East Texas A&M University campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903- 886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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.

Technology Requirements

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University 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**

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.etamu.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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@etamu.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 ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

Communication and Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Professor.

Technical 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>

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code or go to https://studentsupport.telushealth.com/us/about#download_app to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.



As an Institutional Member of the National Association of Schools of Music, East Texas State A&M University supports the Association's commitment to student health and wellness. The following web address provides links to information for resources related to physical and mental well-being, as well as assists in offering preventative measures that students can take to avoid serious and/or chronic conditions:

<https://www.etamu.edu/music/musician-health-and-safety/>

CALENDAR

Important Saxophone dates:

Joe Murphy convocation/lessons/masterclass Sep.16 1-7pm Locations TBA

Studio class recital - Date/Time TBA (required attendance for all majors)

Student recitals – Dates/Times TBA (required attendance for all majors)

