

University of Texas at Tyler – MUSI 3132 - Spring 2026

**Low Brass Methods
FAC 1221 – TH 10-11:50am**

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Course Description

The instruction in this course is geared toward music major gaining feel a basic level of comfort of playing, teaching, and maintaining low brass instruments.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course student will:

- Be able to perform at an entry live to play along with future beginners on low brass instruments.
- Have a basic understand of brass pedagogy to help students work through common issues at the intermediate level.
- Have a basic understand of the set-up, maintenance, and care needed to have a properly working instrument. Especially important for beginners.
- Have a solid understanding of fundamental brass playing procedures like posture, breathing, harmonic series, tone, slide coordination, articulation, and vibrato.

Required Materials

- Text: Provided
- Pencil and Staff paper
- Instruments to be checked out for trombone, euphonium, tuba, and mouthpieces

Grades

Attendance	15%
Assignments: Quizzes/Playing Videos/Exams	75%

Grading Scale

A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: 0-59%

Methods for Evaluating Outcomes

Students will be evaluated through quizzes, playing videos, and exams.

Methods of Instruction

Class time will largely be spent playing in groups and as individuals with audio/video or in class examples.

Attendance

Your attendance is expected at each class. Excused absences require written documentation and are granted by the instructor. Absences due to illness, emergency, or participation in an official University activity will be excused in you communicate effectively with me in a timely manner.

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Late Work

Assignments will be accepted late but will have a 5 point reduction in grade for every day it is late.

Provisional Course Schedule Assignments due at noon on Tuesdays, class on Thursdays

Week 1 Thurs. Syllabus, Intro to Low Brass/Concepts/Fundamentals/Check out
Instruments for Block A

Week 2 Tue. Video assignment #1 due
Thurs. A instrument day 2

Week 3 Tue. Video assignment #2 due
Thurs. A instrument day 3

Week 4 Tue. Video assignment #3 due
Thurs. A instrument day 4/ Check in/out instruments

Week 5 Tue. Video assignment # 4 due
Thurs. B instrument day 2

Week 6 Tue. Video assignment # 5 due
Thurs. B instrument day 3

Week 7 Tue. Video assignment # 5 due
Thurs. B instrument day 4/Check in instruments for Block B