



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
TUBA-EUPHONIUM STUDIO

Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble

MUC 171 & 570 | Fall 2020 | Dr. Matt Hightower | University of Kentucky



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Class Times

Rehearsals will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.

Rehearsal schedules will be posted electronically prior to rehearsal.

Prerequisites

Satisfactory audition and/or approval of the instructor, enrollment in applied lessons.

Goals

Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble serves as an extension of the work that takes place in applied lessons. Thus, participating in applied lessons is a requirement for participating in tuba/euphonium ensemble. Performing in the tuba/euphonium ensemble will provide opportunities for further immersion into musical understanding, improvement of ability and efficiency in preparing for performances, and the presentation of successful concerts.

Methods

Students are expected to prepare selected works with attention to detail, expressiveness, good intonation and ensemble awareness. Students will continue to develop techniques that will enable each musician to achieve their highest level of artistic achievement within an ensemble setting by playing roles in an ensemble that a tuba or euphonium might not typically get an opportunity to perform.

Content

Music from all historic periods and styles will be performed including original works for tuba/euphonium ensemble as well as arrangements and transcriptions. Students are expected to prepare individually so rehearsal time can be spent on ensemble cohesiveness and interpretation. Rehearsals will culminate in one or more public performances on or off

campus. Concert dates will be set in advance and should be noted by each student. Students are not required, but strongly encouraged to compose, arrange, or transcribe material for the ensemble.

Grading

Each student will be responsible for thorough individual preparation of repertoire that has been assigned. Regular attendance is essential. The semester grade will be lowered by one letter grade for each unexcused absence. The student's grade may be lowered by up to one-half letter grade if the student is present for a rehearsal but not having the music prepared or for being more than five minutes late for the beginning of the rehearsal. Concerts constitute the culmination of the of the course and absence from a performance will result in failure of the course.

Loss of Music

Students are responsible for the care of all music performed as members of the ensemble and, if music is lost or damaged, it is the student's responsibility to replace it. Electronic copies of ensemble music and scores will be temporarily stored in a drobox folder for the semester for study and sectional purposes.

Concert Dress

A concert uniform will be announced at the beginning of each semester. This will typically be concert black attire or a studio polo shirt with appropriate black concert attire. Students not wearing proper concert attire will not be allowed to perform, thus resulting in a failing grade.

Musician's Health & Safety

In addition to direction received in private lessons, master classes, and guest lectures, it is recommended that students involved with music performance stay abreast of current information and resources relating to musicians' health and safety. With the many hours of daily practice and rehearsals it is vital to be aware of preventative measures that musicians can take to avoid serious problems. Please visit the following webstire dedicated to injury prevention and musicians' health:

<http://finearts.uky.edu/music/musicians-health-safety>

Mid-term Grade (for 100-400 level courses, and for undergrads in 500-level courses)

Mid-term grades will be posted in myUK by the deadline established in the Academic Calendar (<http://www.uky.edu/registrar/calendar>).

Excused Absences

Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. *Senate Rules 5.2.4.2* defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major

religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit “reasonable cause for nonattendance” by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Two weeks prior to the absence is reasonable, but should not be given any later. Information regarding major religious holidays may be obtained through the Ombud (859-257-3737, http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents_ExcusedAbsences.php).

Students are expected to withdraw from the class if more than 20% of the classes scheduled for the semester are missed (excused) per University policy.

Per *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2*, students missing any graded work due to an excused absence are responsible: for informing the Instructor of Record about their excused absence within one week following the period of the excused absence (except where prior notification is required); and for making up the missed work. The professor must give the student an opportunity to make up the work and/or the exams missed due to an excused absence, and shall do so, if feasible, during the semester in which the absence occurred.

Verification of Absences

Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2* states that faculty have the right to request “appropriate verification” when students claim an excused absence because of illness, or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to University-related trips is required prior to the absence when feasible and in no case more than one week after the absence.

Academic Integrity

Per University policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the University may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: <http://www.uky.edu/Ombud>. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

Senate Rules 6.3.1 (see <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/> for the current set of *Senate Rules*) states that all academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their

instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording, or content from another source without appropriate acknowledgment of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work (including, but not limited to a published article, a book, a website, computer code, or a paper from a friend) without clear attribution. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work, which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, it must be done by the student, and the student alone.

When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources or information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she has employed them. If the words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content, and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas, which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain.

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

Accommodations due to disability

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at drc@uky.edu. Their web address is <http://www.uky.edu/DisabilityResourceCenter>.

Non-Discrimination Statement and Title IX Information

The University of Kentucky faculty are committed to supporting students and upholding the University's non-discrimination policy.

Discrimination is prohibited at UK. If you experience an incident of discrimination we encourage you to report it to Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity (IEEO) Office, 13 Main Building, (859) 257-8927.

Acts of Sex- and Gender-Based Discrimination or Interpersonal Violence

If you experience an incident of sex- or gender-based discrimination or interpersonal violence, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty member or TA/RA/GA, understand that as a "Responsible Employee" of the University these individuals MUST report any acts of violence (including verbal bullying and sexual harassment) to the University's Title IX Coordinator in the IEEO Office. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) program (Frazee Hall – Lower Level; <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/VIPCenter/>), the Counseling Center (106 Frazee Hall, <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Counseling/>), and the University Health Services (<http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs/student-health/>) are confidential resources on campus.

Face Covering/Distancing Policy

The Senate Council endorses the following recommended syllabus statements for faculty teaching face-to-face courses.

- In accordance with University guidelines, students must wear UK-approved face coverings in the classroom and academic buildings (e.g., faculty offices, laboratories, libraries, performance/design studios, and common study areas where students might congregate). If UK-approved face coverings are not worn over the nose and mouth, students will be asked to leave the classroom.
- Students should complete their daily online wellness screening before accessing university facilities and arriving to class.
- Students should not move chairs or barriers in classrooms and should socially distance at all times, leaving a six (6) foot radius from other people. Masks and hand sanitizer can be found {specific location in building} if needed.
- Students should leave enough space when entering and exiting a room. Students should not crowd doorways at the beginning or end of class.
- The instructor may choose to remove a mask when pedagogically necessary at the front of the classroom and behind a clear barrier. The instructor's mask will be replaced when it is no longer necessary to have it removed, or when the class meeting is complete.

Excused Absences

Academic policies regarding excused absences can be found in the Senate Rules under "Excused Absences". The Senate Council has interpreted excused absences for the Fall 2020 semester to include an excuse from required in-person interactions if the student has been directed to self-quarantine by the University (including its app), a medical professional, public health professional, or government official.