

## SYLLABUS – Music 372B

Music 372B – Brass Techniques  
Wednesdays, 12:00-12:50 pm

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M 132 (Fulkerson Recital Hall)

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### Course description:

“Instruction in brass instrumental techniques and pedagogy”

372B is the first semester of a two semester course. It is designed for Music Majors in the Education Option.

We will cover primarily the commonly used brass instruments: trumpet/cornet, horn, trombone, euphonium/baritone and tuba. We will also study less common members of the family: flugelhorn, sousaphone and the British Brass Band instrumentarium.

Most important topics are: 1) how to play the instruments; 2) how to practice them; 3) how to take care of them and 4) teaching techniques.

### Course format:

Part lecture/demonstration, part in-class activity (playing), part “homework” (practice) and both written and performance tests.

### HSU Learning Outcomes:

#### HSU graduates will have demonstrated:

- Effective communication through written and oral modes.
- Critical and creative thinking skills in acquiring a broad base of knowledge and applying it to complex issues
- Competence in a major area of study.
- Appreciation for and understanding of an expanded world perspective by engaging respectfully with a diverse range of individuals, communities and viewpoints.

#### HSU graduates will be prepared to:

- Succeed in their chosen careers.
- Take responsibility for identifying personal goals and practicing lifelong learning.
- Pursue social justice, promote environmental responsibility, and improve economic conditions in their workplaces and communities.

## **Music Department Outcomes:**

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to hear, identify, and work conceptually with the elements of music – rhythm, melody, harmony, and structure.
2. Students will demonstrate familiarity with, and an ability to perform a wide selection of musical literature representing principal eras, genres, and cultural sources.
3. Students will demonstrate ability in performing areas appropriate to the student's needs, interests, and degree path.
4. Students will demonstrate effective English writing skills.

## **Course objectives:**

1. Learn the history of brass instruments and the basic physics of their operation.
2. Learn and use terminology pertaining to brass instruments.
3. Play with a stable, well-controlled sound, at varied volumes and with good intonation.
4. Correctly perform at least 4 major scales on your main instrument
5. Correctly perform a chromatic scale of 1-1/2 octaves.
6. Know and demonstrate basic transpositions for brass instruments
7. Identify and describe basic mutes and other techniques used to modify brass tone quality

## **Requirements:**

1. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Please arrive in time to begin promptly.
3. Bring all required materials every class session.
4. Be silent when listening to music in class – whether the performance is live or recorded.

## **Required texts and equipment:**

1. Essential Elements 2000 method book (available after the first class session)
2. Instrument: we will begin with either trumpet or trombone; these will be assigned at the first class meeting
3. Maintenance supplies; discussed at first class meeting

## **Other class policies:**

1. Cell phones OFF
2. No food/drink except water.
3. No photos/audio recording/video recording.

## **Evaluation:**

50% Attendance and participation in class

30% Playing tests

20% Written assignments and quizzes

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<http://www2.humboldt.edu/academicprograms/syllabus-addendum-campus-resources-policies>