

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Music Department

Course Number and Title

MUSI 2542, Teaching Methods-Brass

Catalog Description

Class instruction in teaching methods for beginners on brass instruments. Required for instrumental music majors as preparation for teaching a beginning orchestra or band.

Prerequisites

None.

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

2 Credit Hours / 2 Contact Hours / 2 Load Hours

Target Audience/Transferability

Instrumental music majors. This transfers as a 2-hour music course to most universities. It is required as at most schools for instrumental majors.

General Education Outcomes

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students demonstrate competency in teaching beginning lessons on instruments in the specified family of instruments.
- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
 - Students analyze needs of individual students while also considering the needs of a class of such individuals.
- Students can read at the appropriate level of education and describe the main ideas and supporting details. Students can evaluate written materials objectively.
 - Students analyze compositions and demonstrate ability to read notation designed specifically for individual instruments in the specified family of instruments.

Topics

Instruments in specified family and playing techniques peculiar to each. Sample topics will include ambouchure, breathing techniques, fingering patterns, stick techniques, reeds and reed-making, among others.

Assessment

Tests for this course will consist of playing checks on the instruments in the specified families that will highlight the skills listed under Topics above. As with private lesson juries, scores on playing tests will be used to assess the effectiveness of the courses.

Required Materials
None