Angelo State University Syllabus
Low Brass Ensemble

MUEN 1130/3130 - 09Z
M/W 5:00-5:50; Carr 134

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Mondays and Fridays 11:00 - 11:50
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Purpose:
The purpose of Low Brass Ensemble is to further students’ development on their instruments through focused practice and rehearsal in like-instrument ensembles. It is vitally important to a student's education to have opportunities to perform in a variety of settings, and in a variety of musical styles as well.

Learning Outcomes:
The students will:

• Learn and perform quality repertoire from a variety of styles/eras
• Develop as musicians through performance and practice in different settings
• Prepare individual parts in the music, and know how their roles fit into the rest of the ensemble
• Broaden their knowledge of music written specifically for brass instruments
• Practice performing with a characteristic sound that is necessary for brass instruments

Materials:

• The materials for this course will include sheet music provided to the student by ASU. Students are responsible for owning, renting, or checking out instruments and equipment for participation in this ensemble.

Student Assessment:

Students will be assessed entirely based on their participation in the ensemble, attendance, and dedicated improvement throughout the semester.
**Class Attendance:**

According to the ASU Bulletin: “**Students are expected to be present for all class meetings of the courses for which they are registered. An accurate record of attendance for each student must be maintained by the instructor.**”

Students must attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances. Two unexcused absences will lower the student’s grade by one letter, and three will result in a grade of “F” for the semester. Missing a performance due to an unexcused absence will automatically result in a grade of “F” for the semester.

**Preparation:**

Students are expected to participate in rehearsals and performances to the best of their ability. This means actively playing in rehearsal, taking notes, and practicing as much as needed to learn their parts in the music. Time in rehearsal should not be spent learning their part, but instead learning how they fit into the larger group.

**Accessibility:**

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodation must contact the Student Life Office, room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

For information regarding ASU website accessibility see [http://www.angelo.edu/welcome/accessibility.php](http://www.angelo.edu/welcome/accessibility.php).

For information about disability accommodations see [https://www.angelo.edu/services/student_services/](https://www.angelo.edu/services/student_services/).

**Academic Integrity:**

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code. The ASU Academic Honor Code can be found at [http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/code-of-student-conduct/misconduct.php](http://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/code-of-student-conduct/misconduct.php)

Please read the Honor Code to fully understand the importance of academic honesty and the range of sanctions for academic dishonesty.

**Religious Holy Day:**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

A student who is excused for a religious holy day may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20.