**Woodwind Class II: Double Reeds and Saxophone Methods**  
MUP 304.001 – Fall 2018

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**Class meeting time and place:**  
M170/M152; Monday/Wednesday 2:00-2:50 pm

**Course Description (as described in the 2018-2019 General Bulletin):**  
Introductory training in playing oboe, bassoon, and saxophone. (1 semester hour credit; 2 hours lab/contact hours per week. Prerequisite: MTC 161)

**Program Learning Outcomes:**  
This is not a general education core curriculum course and no specific program learning outcomes for this major are addressed in this course.

**General Education Core Curriculum Objectives/Outcomes:**  
There are no specific general education core curriculum objectives in this course. This course is not a general education core curriculum course.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**  
The double reeds and saxophone methods course (MUP 304.001) at Stephen F. Austin State University is an essential part of the requirements for music education. The goals and objectives of the course are:

1. To gather knowledge, concepts and ideas regarding the teaching of all the instruments in the woodwind family: oboe, bassoon and saxophone.
2. To gain a working knowledge and practice regarding the performance of each instrument. This includes the understanding and performance of scales and beginning-level solos.
3. To provide all members of the class, especially those majoring in music education or music performance, a firm foundation in the planning and instruction of a beginning woodwind class (homogeneous or heterogeneous) in the public schools.
4. To provide quality musical experiences to every member of the class on a regular basis.

**Text and Materials:**

- There are **two** textbooks for this course: *Teaching Woodwinds* by William Dietz and *The Complete Instrument Reference Guide for Band Directors* by Jeff King & Richards Williams (Dietz is used for both woodwind methods courses and the King & Williams is used for ALL methods courses). Optional materials include *Tuning for Wind Instruments* by Shelly Jagow, also used for brass methods courses.
- Reeds for oboe and bassoon; see following explanation about reeds  
Reeds:
Each student is expected to have a working reed at the time instruction of each instrument begins. Reeds MUST be purchased from approved sources so as not to complicate class and waste time with poor quality reeds.

- Oboe reeds should be purchased in class—each reed is $20
- Bassoon reeds should be purchased in class—each reed is $20
- Saxophone reeds should be purchased from the local music store.

Grading Policy & Course Requirements:
Each student’s grade will be based on the preparation of the daily assignments, attendance, tests, performance evaluations, and teaching evaluations. Daily assignments and tests may differ between each instrument.

Bassoon – 20%
Bassoon Exam - 10%
Oboe – 20%
Oboe Exam - 10%
Saxophone - 20%
Saxophone Exam - 10%
Attendance - 10%

Attendance Policy:
Each student must submit any absence request at least one week in advance, except for emergencies, by e-mailing the instructor. In the event of an absence, the student should arrange for a meeting with the instructor to discuss the reason for the absence. 2 unexcused class absences – maximum semester grade of a B. 3 unexcused class absences – maximum semester grade of a C. 4 unexcused class absences – F. Regarding excused absences: An excused absence is an absence discussed and/or arranged with the instructor prior to the class meeting. As well, any sickness or family emergency will be excused as long as documentation is provided and communication is present. Final determination of whether or not an absence is excused or unexcused is completely left up to the instructor. 2 tardies equal 1 unexcused absence.

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp
Withheld Grades

Semester Grades Policy (A-54)

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Acceptable Student Behavior

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

Fall 2018 Important Dates:

August 27th - First Day - Syllabus, Organization (All)

August 29th – September 26th (9 class days)
- Group 1: Oboe (Held)
- Group 2: Saxophone (Thorpe)

October 1st – October 29th (9 class days)
- Group 1: Bassoon (Goodhew)
- Group 2: Oboe (Held)

October 31st - December 6th (9 class days)
- Group 1: Saxophone (Thorpe)
- Group 2: Bassoon (Goodhew)
- 11/19 and 11/21: No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 5th– Comprehensive Final Exam on D2L (All)
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| 1     | Oboe assembly, general info, and basic reed care  
Hand Position and Posture  
Embouchure | Bring $20 for reed. Bring reed soaker. |
| 2     | Articulation & Tone Production  
Introductory melodies in Dietz  
Beginner oboe reminders | Practice assigned material |
| 3     | Alternate F, Eb, Ab.  
Vibrato Discussion | Practice assigned material |
| 4     | Equipment discussion  
English Horn  
Beginner oboe student scenarios | Practice assigned material |
| 5     | Half-holing  
Bb and F scales | Practice assigned material |
| 6     | Octave keys, Negotiating upper register | Practice assigned material |
| 7     | Reed Day! Troubleshooting Strategies. | Receive Playing Test Assignment |
| 8     | General review and final discussions. Resources, Repertoire (including All-State Etudes), and Notable Artists. | Practice assigned material |
| 9     | Playing Test | Location TBA |

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| 1     | Meet the bassoon: Parts, Assembly, Reeds, Posture, Hand Position  
Care & Maintenance  
Embouchure | Bring $20 for reed. Bring reed soaker. |
| 2     | Articulation & Tone Production  
Breathing & Vibrato discussion | Dietz: Read pp. 1-11, Practice pp. 31-32 |
| 3     | Discussion of reading assignment  
Work down the instrument  
F major | Dietz: Read pp. 12-23, Practice pp. 33-35, F Major scale 1 octave (lowest) |
| 4     | Method book discussion, Common Problems  
Scenarios for starting beginners  
Negotiating low register | Dietz: Read pp. 24-35, Practice pp. 36-37, C Major scale 1 octave (lowest) |
| 5     | Continue low-note work – low octave scales  
Awkward fingerings (C#/Db, Eb).  
C Major, Bb Major | Dietz: Read pp. 36-47, Practice pp. 38-39, Bb Major Scale 1 octave (lowest) |
| 6     | Work up instrument - Half-holing  
Reed discussion. Troubleshooting strategies. | Dietz: Read pp. 48-59, Practice pp. 45-47, all previous scales, Joy to the World pg. 58 |
| 7     | Flicking/venting  
C/Bb Major - 2 octaves | Dietz: Read pp. 60-80, Practice pg. 48-49, all previous scales, Joy to the World pg. 58 |
| 8     | Continue up the instrument  
F major - 2 octaves  
Final Discussions (Equipment, Resources, Repertoire (including All-State etudes), Notable Artists) | Practice |
<p>| 9     | Playing Test | Test in Classroom |</p>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Parts, Assembly, Posture, Hand Position</td>
<td>Buy at least 2 reeds (Vandoren or Rico) Size 2 ½ (Encore Music)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Embouchure, Tone Production, Articulation</td>
<td>Saxophone Warm-Up Assignment</td>
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<td>First notes on the saxophone, C Major</td>
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<td>Vibrato, the upper octave</td>
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<td>Reeds and Reed Care, first chromatic notes (F# and Bb), alternate fingerings</td>
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<td>Saxophone Problems and Solutions, Review of alternate fingerings</td>
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<td>Care and Maintenance, more chromatic notes, chromatic scale, F Major, G Major</td>
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