Bassoon Classes

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Course Outline
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GROUP WOODWIND 2 (BASSOON) INSTRUCTION
Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00-9:00pm
MB-241
Term 1 - 2866 003/004 Q
Term 2 - 2866 003/004 S

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Course Content:
In this course you will learn the basic study of the bassoon. We will be focusing on essential skills such as breathing, fingering, tonguing and embouchure. There will be an emphasis on learning major scales up to two sharps and flats. All aspects of playing the bassoon will be discussed.

Students will be given theoretical study in making and adjusting reeds. Instrument suitability for beginners will be investigated. Bassoon methods, literature, fingering charts and related reading will be examined. Simple bassoon repair and maintenance will be demonstrated, as well as regulation of the mechanism. Classes will be held in masterclass style.

Required Material:
Your bassoon ! (pick it up BEFORE YOUR FIRST CLASS from Len Ingrao’s office)
Weissenborn Bassoon Method – Available in the CBO
Music stand
Water container to soak your reed
Reeds are available for purchase from Long and McQuade for around $20-$25. Please do not purchase plastic reeds ! Some reeds will be available for purchase at the first class.
pencil, paper, or writing tablet
Course Requirements:
Regular participation in classroom playing and discussions; weekly practicing, a written assignment (Log Book), a video showing yourself assembling, dissembling, and swabing the bassoon, and a final exam. You are required to bring your bassoon and textbook to each class.

Mark Distribution (50%):

- 5% Attendance
- 15% Playing Tests ( #1 = 5%, #2 = 10%)
- 10% Video Clip
- 10% Final (written) Exam
- 10% Log Book

Total = 50% (the other 50% being the Oboe Section)

Due dates:

- week 4: Playing Test 1
- week 5: Video Clip
- week 6: Playing Test 2, Final Exam, Log Book

Recommended Books and Readings:

Periodicals
- The Double Reed - ML1.D683
- The International Double Reed Society Journal - ML1.I56

Books
Method Books

MENTAL HEALTH

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Notes:

i) Grading scale for all aspects of the course is A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.

ii) Students are responsible for making up any missed classes or assignments as soon as possible.

iii) Students may be excused to observe a religious holy day of their faith without penalty provided they notify the instructor in advance. Students are responsible for material covered in their absence and each student shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work.

iv) If you require academic accommodations because of a disability, please let the instructor know during the first week of classes, and, if you have not done so already, register as soon as possible with Accessible Education (formerly known as Services for Students with Disabilities). You can learn more about the Student Success Centre’s services for accessible education at http://success.uwo.ca/academics/sas/index.html.
v) The Video Clip must be sent as a You Tube link at the latest one week before the last class. Please consult with your instructor if there are any technical difficulty.

The Log Book must be sent either in pdf, or Word format at the latest on the last day of classes. Alternatively, a paper copy will also be acceptable.

Acceptance of late assignments will be at the discretion of the instructor and only if extenuating circumstances prevail; otherwise late assignments will NOT be graded!

vi) Plagiarism: Complete assignments independently. Submission of work with which you have received help from someone else (other than the course instructor or TA) is an example of plagiarism. Plagiarism is a major academic offence. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: 
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

vii) Electronic devices of any type will NOT be permitted during the written Exam in this course (unless required for accessibility reasons through a request from SAS).

viii) The in-class use of electronic devices (other than for accessing OWL materials for this class) is expressly prohibited. Students guilty of disrupting class with electronic devices will be asked to leave the class and will not be permitted to re-enter the class with their device until they can satisfactorily prove to the instructor that their device will no longer be a disruption.

ix) Other important dates:
September 5 - classes begin
September 13 - last day to add a first term half-course
October 14 - Thanksgiving Day Holiday (classes excused)
November 4-10 - Fall Reading Week (classes excused)
November 12 - last day to drop a first term half-course
December 5 - classes end
December 6-7 - Study Days (classes excused)
December 8-19 - examination period