



El Camino College
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD – Official

Course Acronym:	MUSI
Course Number:	561
Descriptive Title:	Brass Ensembles for the Older Adult
Division:	Fine Arts
Department:	Music
Course Disciplines:	Music
Catalog Description:	These ensembles for the older adult rehearse and perform literature written for combinations of brass instruments. The ensembles include trios, quartets, quintets, and larger ensembles and may be combined with non-brass instruments to complete the instrumentation appropriate to the selected literature. Emphasis is placed on stylistic and historical performance practices, instrumental techniques, and musicianship. Performances are held on campus and in the community.
Prerequisite:	
Co-requisite:	
Recommended Preparation:	
Enrollment Limitation:	Audition (previous band or orchestra experience or ability to perform music of moderate difficulty on a standard orchestral brass instrument)
Hours Lecture (per week):	2
Hours Laboratory (per week):	0
Outside Study Hours:	4
Total Course Hours:	36
Course Units:	0
Grading Method:	No Grade
Credit Status:	Non Credit
Transfer CSU:	Yes
Effective Date:	Proposed
Transfer UC:	Yes
Effective Date:	
General Education:	
ECC	
Term:	
Other:	
CSU GE:	
Term:	
Other:	
IGETC:	

Term:	
Other:	
Student Learning Outcomes:	<p>SLO #1 Pitches and Rhythms</p> <p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate the ability to execute correct pitches and rhythms according to the stylistic performance practices of a given piece of brass chamber music appropriate for older adult musicians</p> <p>SLO #2 Proper Brass Techniques</p> <p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate elements of proper brass instrument playing techniques appropriate for older adult musicians in a performance of a given piece of chamber music.</p> <p>SLO #3 Terminology and Symbols</p> <p>Upon completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate the ability to correctly identify and interpret terminology and symbols for articulation, dynamics, and form and perform them in a given piece of brass chamber music appropriate for older adult musicians.</p>
Course Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and integrate principles of proper brass playing including posture, instrument position, embouchure, and breath support as appropriate to the older adult anatomy and physiology. 2. Demonstrate (perform) elements of proper brass playing techniques including tone production, intonation, instrument tuning, articulation, and use of mutes. 3. Demonstrate rhythm and pitch accuracy at various levels of dynamics. 4. Independently produce and identify the overtone series, intervals, harmonic structures, and melodic phrases. 5. Develop aural awareness and musical expressiveness to factors contributing to balance and blend. 6. Define and correctly respond to terminology and symbols for tempi, articulation, phrasing, and musical expression appropriate to the music. 7. Analyze structure and form in music. 8. Demonstrate effective standards of conduct, attitude, rehearsal techniques, response to conductor, and nonverbal musical communication with ensemble members. 9. Identify, differentiate, and integrate historical styles and performance practices, interpretative choices, and effective expression in performance. 10. Integrate rehearsal experience into an artistic performance. 11. Explore personal interests in music and enhance expression and physical well-being as appropriate to the older adult
Major Topics:	<p>I. Auditions (2 hours, lecture)</p> <p>A. Assignment to appropriate instrumental groupings according to instrument, ability and experience</p> <p>II. Sight reading and evaluation of representative literature (6 hours, lecture)</p> <p>III. Development of aural perception, music reading, instrumental techniques, and ensemble skills (12 hours, lecture)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pitch and rhythm identification B. Musical expression terminology and symbols C. Tone production and the aging musician <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Breath control 2. Embouchure flexibility D. Intonation and instrument tuning E. Balance and blend

	<p>IV. Rehearsal of selected materials (16 hours, lecture)</p> <p>A. Refinement of ensemble skills and musical communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Musical form 2. Balance and blend 3. Conducting patterns and gestures 4. Non-verbal communication 5. Historical performance practices
Total Lecture Hours:	36
Total Laboratory Hours:	0
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Primary Method of Evaluation:	3) Skills demonstration
Typical Assignment Using Primary Method of Evaluation:	Perform a melody from Paul Dukas' "Fanfare pour La Péri" demonstrating proper breath control, tone production, articulation, instrumental technique, use of mutes, and expressive phrasing.
Critical Thinking Assignment 1:	
Critical Thinking Assignment 2:	
Other Evaluation Methods:	
Instructional Methods:	Demonstration, Discussion, Group Activities, Guest Speakers, Lab, Multimedia presentations
If other:	
Work Outside of Class:	Observation of or participation in an activity related to course content (such as theatre event, museum, concert, debate, meeting), Problem solving activity, Skill practice
If Other:	
Up-To-Date Representative Texts:	
Alternative Texts:	
Required Supplementary Readings:	
Other Required Materials:	Music instrument and accessories to be provided by the student. Some school instruments and accessories may be available by arrangement with the instructor. Music scores supplied by the college.
Requisite:	
Category:	
Requisite course(s): List both prerequisites and corequisites in this box.	
Requisite and Matching skill(s): Bold the requisite skill. List the corresponding	

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Enrollment Limitations Impact:	
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