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# Course Syllabus Fall Semester 2005

**Course:** Music 126, Section 1

**Course Name:** Woodwinds in Class, Oboe & Bassoon

**Number of Credits:** 1 credit

**Prerequisites:** Must be a sophomore in standing in music education and music composition or tech degree programs.

**Corequisites:** None

**Text Required:** Guide to Teaching Woodwinds

Frederick W. Westphal

5th Edition, Wm. C. Brown Publisher

ISBN 0-697-04392-4

## **Supplemental Materials Provided by Professor as Needed**

**Class Structure:** Lecture with laboratory experience in performance skills and mainstream practices for oboe and bassoon. Class is structured for the student majoring in music education. Topics include: standard orchestral fingerings charts; assembling and maintenance of instruments; hand and body posture; tuning and intonation skills; embouchure, tonguing and technique problems; reed making, care and selection; selecting and purchasing instruments; bocal discussion and selection; daily in class performance on each instrument; and standard solo repertoire and methods for applied study; class limit 15.

**Student Objectives:** To prepare and develop candidates for competent teaching of the oboe and bassoon in the field of music education and/or composition. Students are to develop their performance skills to the best of their ability for eight weeks on each instrument. The philosophical objective: in order to teach better these instruments, one needs to be able to perform on them.

**Assessment:** Grading is based on class attendance and participation; exams for each instrument include: written academic exams; transposition exams; fingering chart exams; solo performance exams with piano; exams on six major scales and complete range for chromatic scale ascending and descending; these 14 exams are administered every eight weeks with traditional letter grading. Maximum unexcused class absences are three.

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**Class meetings, Holidays, plus midterm and final Exams;** all daily assignments count as class participation and are part of your grade; no more than 3 unexcused absences allowed without penalty of lowering of grade; all classes begin 5 minutes after the hour and end 5 minutes before the hour.

**August 29 The Oboe & Bassoon Experience:** Introductory meeting; assignments: check out instruments; distribute reeds; start left and right hand patterns; handout oboe/bassoon guide, professor's book, and scales and solo exams; syllabus and assessment .

August 31 Fingerings chart for oboe/bassoon and band method; practicum

**September 5 Labor Day Holiday; No class**

September 7 Class lecture & Practicum

September 12 Class lecture & Practicum

September 14 Class lecture & Practicum

September 19 Class lecture & Practicum

September 21 Class lecture & Practicum

September 26 Class lecture & Practicum

September 28 Class lecture & Practicum

October 3 Class lecture & Practicum

October 5 Class lecture & Practicum

October 10 Class lecture & Practicum

**October 12 1st Instrument Fingering Chart Exam**

**October 14 1st Instrument Performance Exam**

**October 17 The Oboe & Bassoon Experience, exchanging instruments**

October 19 Class lecture & Practicum

October 24 Class lecture & Practicum

October 26 Class lecture & Practicum

October 31 Class lecture & Practicum

November 2 Class lecture & Practicum

**November 7 Orchestra Festival; No Class**

November 9 Class lecture & Practicum

November 14 Class lecture & Practicum

November 16 Class lecture & Practicum

November 21 Class lecture & Practicum

November 24 Class lecture & Practicum

**November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday/No Class/Student Travel Day**

November 28 Class lecture & Practicum

November 30 Class Lecture & Practicum

December 5 Class lecture & Practicum

**December 7 2nd Instrument Fingering Chart Exam**

**December 9 2nd Instrument Performance Exam**

**December 14 Final Written Academic Exam 8:10 a.m. to 10 a.m.**