



University of Florida Brass Band
Fall 2025 – University of Florida
MUN 1000-6000

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Course Description:

The University of Florida Brass Band is designed to introduce students to not only a new set of repertoires, but a unique style of playing that is only experienced within this particular ensemble setting. The Brass Band is open to all students at the University of Florida based solely on audition.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Through the competition of this course, students should be able to successfully:

- Perform at a high level of proficiency as a soloist, section musician and ensemble member.
- Gain a better understanding of standard brass band repertoire and their importance throughout the history of the ensemble.
- Gain a deeper understanding of expressing oneself through performance in an ensemble of “like” instruments.

Rehearsal Expectations:

Please come to rehearsal having already listened to each piece in addition to working on difficult sections. Rehearsal is not a place for you to practice your parts, rather than practice as an ensemble. Please come with a pencil, and the appropriate mutes/equipment. Please show up to the rehearsal as soon as you can in order to set up your chair and stand. We will begin right at the top of the period with a tuning pitch from our solo cornet.

Brass Band To-Do List

- If you are playing on a cornet, tenor horn or baritone please have them checked out in your name the day immediately following auditions.
- Please have the appropriate mouthpieces (Solo Cornet, Cornet 2/3, Soprano, Tenor Horn)
- Pick up your music folders from my office the day following auditions.
- Download Microsoft Teams – everyone will be put into the Brass Band team to facilitate quick communication.

Rehearsal Location:

Steinbrenner Band Hall

Rehearsal Times:

Tuesday and Thursday Period 11 (6:15-7:05pm)

Additional Dress Rehearsals: Entire run of program and pizza

February 7th @ 12-3pm in SBH

April 4th @ 9-12 in SBH

Sectionals:

One sectional per section is required prior to each concert, run by the principal. If room reservations are needed, please reach out to Dr. VanTuinen

Concert Attire:

Formal Concert – Attire consists of all black, no tux.

Holiday Concerts – Will allow for relaxed holiday attire.

Community Concerts – Brass Band Polo and Black Pants

NABBA Performance – All black with Blue vest

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Grading and Attendance

94-100	A
90-93	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B

80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
63-66	D

Weekly Rehearsal Attendance	200pts
Rehearsal Preparedness	300pts
Concert Attendance	500pts
Total	1000 pts

Attendance:

Attendance is required to perform in each concert cycle. Please email or text Dr. VanTuinen 24 hours prior to rehearsal to cancel. Please do not get a sub.

Concert Dates: Fall 2025

Concert #1:

February 11 @ 7:20pm in the University Auditorium

- Call Time 6:15pm
- Equipment move 5:20pm
- Concert Black attire

Concert #2

April 7th @ 7:20pm in the University Auditorium

- Call time 6:15pm
- Equipment move 5:10pm
- Concert Black attire

Concert #3

North American Brass Band Competition

- April 9th-11th
- Traveling on the 9th

Concert #4

First Presbyterian Performance

- April 19th @ 11am
- Call time TBA
- Location: First Presbyterian in Gainesville

University Policies

Information about University-wide policies and resources can be found here: <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>