

**MUSAP 210 BRASS TECHNIQUES**  
University of Washington – 2015-2016 (Spring 2016)

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**OVERVIEW:**

To be a music teacher is to be a jack of all trades. In the third quarter of this course emphasis will be on preparing for responsibilities and challenges in the field, as well as expanding your proficiency on trumpet or trombone. You will also continue to compile your resource binder throughout the course.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This class has been designed to prepare you to teach any of the brass instruments and understand the skills and challenges of playing one of them. In order to do so, you will:

- Examine basic technique and fingerings of all brass instruments;
- Apply the abovementioned to one specific instrument (trumpet or trombone);
- Practice teaching this material in class, as well as preparing to teach techniques applicable to the ensemble setting;
- Identify successful habits and potential obstacles of brass playing;
- Review and evaluate literature appropriate for use in a variety of settings;
- Construct a resource binder for future use
- Develop playing proficiency on your specified instrument including embouchure, tone, fingerings, and articulation

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Weekly projects	5 points each
Reflections	3 points each
Article Reviews	4 points each
Playing Tests	6 points each
Attendance & Participation	10 points
Written Final	10 points

**WEEK 1:**

- Introductory meeting
- Article review

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**WEEK 2:**

- Individual lesson
- Duet practice
- Weekly project #1

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**WEEK 3:**

- Individual lesson
- Duet practice
- Weekly project #2
- Reflection

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WEEK 4:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #3
  - PLAYING TEST
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WEEK 5:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #4
  - Article Review
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WEEK 6:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #5
  - Reflection
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WEEK 7:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #6
  - PLAYING TEST
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WEEK 8:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #7
  - Article Review
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WEEK 9:

- Individual lesson
  - Duet practice
  - Weekly project #8
  - Reflection
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WEEK 10:

- Individual lesson
- Duet practice
- Weekly project #9
- PLAYING TEST