

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MUE 2450: WOODWIND SKILLS I

Flute
Section 3519
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MW 5th Period

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Recommended Reading: Westphal, Frederick W. *Guide to Teaching Woodwinds*. 5th ed. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 1990. (*Note:* There is no required text for this course.)

Course Description: This course includes introductions to the flute and the clarinet. The class will split into two sections, one studying flute and the other clarinet, and halfway through the semester the sections will switch instructors and instruments. MUE 2450 Woodwind Skills I is the prerequisite for enrollment in MUE 2451 Woodwind Skills II which is offered in the Spring semester.

Course Objective: This course will provide future music educators with pedagogical techniques, methods, and a literature list for elementary and secondary level flute in instrumental programs. This is predominantly a skill development class. These skills include breathing, blowing, fingerings, tone, articulation, hand position, posture, and proper care of the instrument.

Attendance Policy: Class attendance is mandatory and is factored into your final grade. Students are required to enter class on time and sign the attendance sheet. Any student missing class for any reason is responsible for getting notes and handouts from a fellow student, not from the instructor.

Habitual tardiness (more than 3 instances) will result in an unexcused absence. Each unexcused absence will detract three (3) points from your final grade. Three absences will lower your grade one letter.

Students will receive no penalty for any *excused absences*. The criteria for excused absences are (1) medical reasons accompanied by a signed statement from your doctor, (2) unanticipated family emergencies accompanied by a signed statement from your parent or guardian, (3) a religious holiday observance, with a one-week prior notification to instructor, (4) an official University of Florida activity accompanied by a signed statement from the faculty sponsor, with a one-week prior notification to instructor, or (5) military service or court-imposed legal obligations accompanied by written proof one week prior to your absence.

Materials: The following materials should be brought to each class meeting:

- Flute (to be checked out on the first day of class)
- Music stand
- Notebook containing course materials (handouts, articles, class notes, fingering charts, etc.)
- Cleaning cloth/handkerchief
- Pencil

Learning Objectives: Students are expected to demonstrate the following skills:

- Proper form for flute performance (posture, finger/arm placement, etc.)
- Ability to teach a beginning flute player proper flute techniques
- Ability to tune a flute accurately
- Ability to play assigned works and exercises with reasonably good technique, tone, and intonation
- Ability to troubleshoot basic performance problems
- Ability to perform/understand *basic* instrument maintenance and repair
- Ability to teach a beginning band program/beginning flute class

Evaluation: Students' semester grades will be based on performance in both the flute and clarinet sections. The flute section grade will be based upon the following:

Written Quiz (4 quizzes - 10 points each)	40 points
Performance Skill Test (4 tests - 10 points each)	40 points
Notebook	10 points
<u>Daily Preparation/Attendance</u>	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

Professional Standards and Academic Honor Code: Students who enroll at UF receive the Student Honor Code <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/studenthonorcode.php>. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the Honor Code is bound by honor to take corrective action. Anyone caught cheating on exams or plagiarizing will result in an automatic E for the course and receive further disciplinary action by the Student Honor Court. Please refer to the "Code of Student Conduct:" <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/>.

Accommodations for Students With Disabilities: For students with disabilities to request classroom accommodations, contact the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of the Disability Resources Program at P202 Peabody Hall or call 392-1261 (V), 392-3008 (TDD). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Note: Due to the physical nature of performing any instrument, please be aware that it may be necessary for the instructor to touch you to demonstrate certain techniques during class. Please inform the instructor if you are ever uncomfortable.

Please turn cell phones off prior to entering class.
The use of electronic devices other than your laptop (for taking notes) is prohibited.
Texting is strictly prohibited.