

Common Course Outline

MUSA 123

Private Instruction: Band Instruments

2 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Individual instruction on a band instrument. Recommended for students with little or no previous experience in music. An initial audition is required. A music fee of \$75.00 for a half-hour lesson per week must be paid in addition to tuition. Lesson times are arranged with individual instructors.

Overall Course Objectives

1. To develop the student's understanding of and the ability to perform the technical fundamentals associated with playing a band instrument.
2. To develop student's expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To study instrumental repertoire appropriate to each student's level of accomplishment.

Major Topics

1. Technical fundamentals of playing a band instrument: body and hand position, fingering, breathing, articulation, etc.
2. Expressive nuances of playing a band instrument: phrasing, stylistic interpretation, etc.
3. Encouragement to attend live performances.
4. Listening assignments related to works being studied.
5. Effective preparation for weekly lessons and final juried performance.

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance at weekly private lessons.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of performance proficiency and musical growth by private instructor.
4. Final juried performance evaluation.

Other Course Information