

Horn Lesson Requirements
Studio of Dr. Jacqueline Kerstetter
Spring Semester, 2005

*** MUS 455, 1 credit**
Non-Music Major, 5th-8th semesters
Required practice: 1 hour/day

***Acceptance of non-music majors into MUS 455 is based on previous jury performance.**

Scales: Mastery of all assigned scales, 2 octaves, performed in eighth notes, performed with metronome, quarter note = 100 or faster.

1. One new key signature will be assigned per week. Each week is cumulative, you must maintain mastery of all previously learned scales.
2. Scales are performed at the beginning of the lesson. If mastery of scales is not evident, the student will continue to practice his/her scales (during the lesson) until they are mastered. After mastery of scales is evident, we will begin work on the other lesson requirements.

Solos: One or two solo works a semester.

1. Perform a solo work on the horn studio recital (same or different from div./gen. recital).
2. Turn in a word-processed commentary assessing your performances. The horn studio recital will be recorded, so you will assess yourself after you listen to the recording. You are to treat yourself fairly in this commentary...not harder or easier than a commentary you would write about your peer's work.
3. Responsibility for finding an accompanist for your piece on the horn studio recital. This will probably include fees for the accompanist.
4. Responsibility for your share of recording fees of the horn studio recital. This usually costs \$10-\$15 depending on how many students are in the studio.

Etudes/Excerpts: Mastery of 1 etude (or 2 excerpts) per week performed with metronome. (Etudes/excerpts will be assigned in each lesson.)

Jury: This is your final exam for lessons. You will perform a solo for the brass faculty, so that they can assess your progress. An accompanist will be provided for your solo.

Other Required Materials/Memberships:

BERP, metronome, tuner

Membership in the IHS (International Horn Society)

Book: *Art of French Horn Playing* by Philip Farkas

Purchase of etude/excerpt books and solos (as determined in second lesson)

Grading: At the beginning of the semester, the student has 0 points. He/she must complete lesson requirements to accumulate points.

90-100 points = A
80-89 points = B
70-79 points = C
60-69 points = D
59 and below = F

Scales: 24 pts. Mastery of all assigned scales (1 pt. per scale), 2 octaves, in eighth notes, tempo of a quarter note = 100 or faster, performed with metronome.
48 scales, 1/2 point per scale = 24

Solos: 24 pts.
25 points for work on solo and performance on horn studio recital = 20
5 points for word-processed assessment of your performance = 4

Etudes/Excerpts: 42 pts. Based on 14 weeks of lessons, 1 etude (or 2 excerpts) per week.
3 pts. for each etude (or 2 excerpts at 1.5 pts. each) = 42

Jury: 10 pts. Based on average grade given to you in juries by brass faculty. = 10
Jury grade of A = 10 pts.; A- = 9 pts.; B = 8 pts.; C = 7 pts.; D = 6 pts., F = 5 points or below

Point Deductions: Each unexcused absence from horn lessons will result in a deduction of 5 points from the final grade.

Recommended Recitals:	Dr. K's Solo Recital	Feb. 22, 7:30 AFC
	Konza Prairie Chamber Winds	April 7, 7:30 AFC
	Faculty Brass Quintet	April 21, 7:30 AFC

Important!

1. Mastery of assigned scales is necessary. If you do not master your scales, you will not be able to fulfill your lesson obligations concerning the other requirements.
2. Etude/excerpt books, solo literature, the BERP, tuner, and metronome purchases **MUST** be done by the 4th week of class. You will not be allowed to use a friend's books or to use photocopies unless the music is out of print, or unless Dr. Kerstetter specifically gives you permission to use a photocopy.
3. Excused absences = sickness with a doctor's note or icy roads (if you live outside of Manhattan). Unexcused absences = forgetting about the event or lesson, any conflicting appointments (work-related, school-related, dentist, etc.).
4. The above requirements are based on a 14-week semester. This means that if you would like to have a "week off" (i.e., freebie lesson), please let Dr. Kerstetter know **BEFORE** the lesson.