

## MUSC 2800M/4800M/5800M - UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA BRASS ENSEMBLE, SPRING 2019

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**Office Hours:** Posted on my door or by appointment

**Rehearsals:** 8:30-10:00PM on MONDAYS in the band room (HUM 331)

### **Course Description:**

- Chamber music performance in the medium of the brass choir and/or smaller brass chamber groups.

### **Course Objectives:**

- The highest possible level of musical attainment in both rehearsal and performance settings.
- The development of each individual member as an ensemble player, including blend, balance, intonation, ear training, and phrasing.
- Sustained and continued improvement from week to week in the areas of tone production, technical facility, flexibility, breath control, articulation, endurance, and phrasing.
- To develop of an understanding of the composer, style, period, and characteristics of all repertoire studied.
- To develop an evolving knowledge of the language of music and artistic interpretation.

### **Required Materials:**

- *The Antiphonal Music of Gabrieli* (audio CD). This landmark recording featuring the combined efforts of the brass sections of the Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, and Philadelphia Orchestras is the gold standard of what a brass ensemble should sound like. You should all own it and listen to it often! It is available on Amazon.com for around \$8.

### **Performance Dates:**

- Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (CCSPAC, 3PM)
- Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – with C. Brad Whitfield, trumpet soloist (CCSPAC, 7:30PM)

### **Course Requirements and Grading:**

Attendance and participation at all brass ensemble rehearsals/performances is **required**. If missing a rehearsal becomes unavoidable, I must have **at least 24 hours prior notice** to excuse you. As the quality of the ensemble changes with even one member absent, I would like to discourage even the entertainment of the idea of missing a rehearsal. One excused absence will be tolerated. Any further absences **will** result in the lowering of a student's final grade by one letter grade per absence. Bottom line: be professional, be prepared, and don't miss rehearsal!

### **UWG Common Syllabi Language:**

<http://www.westga.edu/uwgsyllabuspolices/>