MUED 4825 - Teaching Music in the Secondary School

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41541,

Credit hours: 4

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Course Description

4825. Teaching Music in the Secondary School. Methods of organizing, administering, teaching, and conducting music in the high schools; instruction methods, curriculum, technology, scheduling, philosophy, classroom management, and applying learning theories and research to practice. Special focus on designing and implementing standards-based music objectives in both choral and instrumental rehearsal settings. Secondary focus on methods and procedures for facilitating a choral and instrumental program in the secondary schools. This course has fifteen (15) hours of pre-clinical fieldwork. Prereq.: MUED 4823 with a grade of a "C" or better and upper-division status in the Music Education program. 4 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	No Required Reading		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

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Day	Date	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Wed	8/26	Course Intro Intro to instr. warm-up teaching	
Fri	8/28	Planning (PIP Intro / review) Rehearsing Cycle	
Wed	9/2	Bad habits: clarinet Warm-up lab teaching Rhythm, language, aural/rote	

Fri	9/4	Assessment & Evaluation Tradition vs. Change	
Wed	9/9	Bad habits: flute Warm-up lab teaching CFU / planning engagement	
Fri	9/11	Curriculum Motivation and Classroom Mgt.	'Tradition vs. Change' essay
Wed	9/16	Bad habits: saxophone Instrumental lab teaching (MS) Instrumental strategies	Inspirational story (ens. skill)
Fri	9/18	Bad habits: trumpet & French horn Instrumental lab teaching (MS) Score study, analysis, and prep	Score Study
Wed	9/23	Bad habits: low brass Instrumental lab teaching (HS) More instrumental strategies	Score Analysis Assignment
Fri	9/25	Engaging perc. / bad habits: perc. Creativity in band	Report on peers' instrument-specific ped.
Wed	9/30	Debrief instrumental unit Teaching the voice through warm-ups	Instr. PIP (MS or HS level)
Fri	10/2	Logistics of running a choral program & Teaching the voice through warm-ups Examining Choral Rehearsal & Teaching the Voice	
Wed	10/7	Stages of vocal development	Vocal/Choral Assignment #1
Fri	10/9	Vocal warm-up lab Rehearsal strategies in the choir for secondary students	
Wed	10/14	Adolescent Voice Score study & rehearsal prep IPA Implementing choreography/ choralography	
Fri	10/16	Learning Theories	
Wed	10/21	Literacy in choir Choral lab teaching	Learning theory hwk. assignment
Fri	10/23	Learning Theories, part II	
Wed	10/28	Repertoire Choral lab teaching	Vocal/Choral Assignment #2
Fri	10/30	Choral lab teaching Creating in the Choral Classroom Prep for Supervised Fieldwork	Learning Theory Paper
Wed	11/4	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus)	Vocal/Choral Assignment #3
Fri	11/6	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus)	Pre-clinical Fieldwork Tasks
Fri	11/13	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus)	Pre-clinical Fieldwork Tasks
Wed	11/18	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus)	Pre-clinical Fieldwork Tasks
Fri	11/20	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus)	Pre-clinical Fieldwork Tasks
Wed	12/2	MS / HS Fieldwork (off campus; OR possible debriefing on campus)	Pre-clinical Fieldwork Tasks
Fri	12/4	Fieldwork Debriefing (meet at YSU – Bliss room 3026) Final Exam Prep	
Wed	12/9	Final Exam	

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