

*Middle Tennessee State University*  
*School of Music*

**APPLIED FLUTE SYLLABUS**

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MUAP 2421, 2422, 4422, 4423, 6685, 6705

1 - 3 Credits

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**Course materials**

- Course technique packet (Purchase from instructor)
- Orchestral Excerpts for Flute by Baxtresser (can purchase from Flute World)
- Paper, Pencil to every lesson
- Order and Buy your own music as arranged with instructor
- Flute must be in good, working order

**COURSE OBJECTIVES (Learning Outcomes)**

(1) Students will be assisted in areas such as: the development of tone, technical fluency and accuracy, rhythmical accuracy, articulation, vibrato, intonation, color, expressiveness, breathing and blowing, stylistic interpretation, knowledge of repertoire, mind and body awareness, and performance skills.

(2) Students will improve their flute playing by attending and participating in weekly lessons, flute classes, master classes, student recitals, flute choir, orchestral classes, pedagogy classes, semester juries, chamber recitals, and solo recitals.

(3) Students will be stimulated by and exposed to a variety of areas in music through attending faculty recitals, guest artist recitals and master classes.

(4) Students will be challenged to attain their highest degree of musical potential and artistic creativeness.

\*\*\* Students in this course will be expected to be responsible for and to synthesize all course objectives.

**Repertoire Expectations**

All students will be assigned technical exercises, tone development exercises, etudes and solo pieces. Time permitting, each of these areas will be heard every week so organize your practice time to accommodate all categories. It is your responsibility to organize your practice sessions each day so that you cover all material assigned as well as work towards the improvement of fundamental areas (embouchure, breathing, posture, articulation, vibrato, etc....).

**Minimum Practice Expectations (Ensemble rehearsals DO NOT count as practice)**

Graduate students- 4 hours daily \*\*\* Performance majors = 3 hours daily (minimum) \*\*\* Music majors (all other areas)= 2 hours daily \*\*\* Music minors and non-majors = 1 hour daily

\*\*\* You cannot progress on your instrument unless you practice it! This takes discipline, organization, and a passion for music. Do not come to a lesson unprepared- it only wastes your talent and my time.

**Studio Requirements**

• Attendance/Preparation/Attitude - Regular attendance and preparation for lessons is required. Each student should receive one lesson a week (minimum of 13 total). You will be responsible for preparing assigned projects, exercises and literature for each lesson and will be working to complete the goals/requirements we agree upon for the semester. I will provide you with a copy of your semester goals/requirements. It is your job to communicate with me your questions or concerns about your progress throughout the semester. If you need to reschedule please do so 24 hours in advance and every effort will be made to make up that lesson. Two missed lessons (unexcused) will result in a lowering of your final grade (ex. A to B). I will not make-up lessons that fall on school scheduled breaks/holidays, or are cancelled with less than a 24 hour notice or are missed unexcused. \*Lessons are devoted to playing music, please schedule an outside appointment if consultation time is needed.

• Semester Jury- At the end of the semester each flute student will perform a solo from the standard flute repertoire for their jury. You will receive a grade which will be averaged (20 %) in with your final grade. This performance should represent your

progress and work achieved throughout the semester. Students giving senior recitals are not required to perform a jury but may do so for feedback and a performance opportunity.

- **Technique/Excerpt Jury-** At the end of the semester each flute student will perform a technical jury. The technique juries will take place during the last studio master class. The items for the technique jury will be chosen at the beginning of the semester and will be included in your semester goals/requirements document. Technical exercises are a crucial part of your development and will greatly benefit every student that commits to the daily practice of them. Exercises may include scales, etudes, orchestral excerpts, and/or finger exercises to be executed at a set metronome marking as decided by the applied flute instructor. Students giving senior recitals are not required to participate in this but may choose to do so to enhance technical development.

- **Studio Classes – Required Master Class** meets on Tuesdays at 11:20 am (SFA 211) selected topics and assignments for studio class will be announced as well as posted on my door (SFA #109). Studio classes will include a mixture of performance, technique, excerpts, and \*\*\*special topic classes. Participation in these classes is expected of all applied flute students regardless of their major. Two unexcused absences from studio classes will result in a lowering of your final grade (ex. A to A-, etc.....). Dr. Little teaches Master Class on Mondays at 11:30 am in SFA 301 – check the website and master class schedule for the exact dates of these classes. Attendance is not required but strongly encouraged for Dr. Little’s classes.

### Semester Projects

#### **Technique/Project Requirements**

- 1) **Video Log –** Each student will turn in a weekly video log. You will be assigned a small portion of your music or something you are working on to video (audio is fine too) and email, text or dropbox to me no later than the day before each lesson.
- 2) **Semester Summit –** Each student will perform a work that is meaningful, each performance must be unique, thoughtful and intertwined with something passionate in the individual’s life. The idea for the performance needs to be decided by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. We will spend masterclass time brainstorming each project until a plan is in action. All performances must be a minimum of 5 minutes long.
- 3) **National Etude Day –** Each student will perform an etude for the class. Treat this as a professional performance. Announce yourself, your etude and then perform in a manner that exudes musicality, confidence and intelligence.
- 4) **Orchestral Occasion –** All students will perform 2-4 orchestral excerpts in masterclass selected from the Baxtresser book. Minimum of 2 – 1 lyrical, 1 technical, Maximum of 4 – 1 or 2 lyrical, 2 or 3 technical  
\*Ideally no one should duplicate an excerpt and each student should be prepared to speak historically on their chosen repertoire.

- **Recital/Concert/Master class Attendance-** Each student will attend a set number of events each semester (a recital list will be posted on my door and one will be given to you directly). Attendance will be taken at each required event. I will collect the recital/concert/masterclass program from you after the event. Please take notes on the programs – things you like, don’t like, interesting elements, favorite piece, comments on stage presence and things you have learned. \*If you miss a required performance you may turn in a 2-3 page written review of a flute CD (40+ minutes).

- **Journal/Notebook-** I encourage each student to keep a flute journal or notebook that includes lesson assignments and notes, practice schedule and notes, your own personal thoughts and comments on studio class, guest master classes and all required recitals. The journal/notebook is not a part of your grade but will be considered extra credit should you do it well and turn it in. Organizational skills are a necessity in life therefore, I would expect your journal/notebook to reflect the kind of work you have been doing throughout the semester. These will be handed in no later than Friday (jury day) during the last week of classes.

#### **Applied Flute Grading System**

Lesson Preparation/Projects (50%)    \*\*\*    Semester Juries (25%)

Recital/Concert/Master class Attendance (25%)

100% - 91% = A

90% - 81% = B (B+, B-)

80% - 71% = C (C+, C-)

70% - 61% = D (D+, D-)

60% - 0% = F

**You must be responsible for keeping organized with recital dates,  
master class attendance and your own personal progress!**

**FLUTE TIPS**

- 1- Keep your instrument in good working order!
- 2- Order and Buy your own music!
- 3- Keep detailed notes at each lesson, you will retain more information, be more organized and this will only help you improve at a faster rate.
- 4- Recording weekly lessons is encouraged.
- 5- Get plenty of rest and physical exercise. Playing the flute requires a healthy mind and body!
- 6- Be courteous, supportive, encouraging, cooperative, positive, and professional in your working relationships with all of your teachers as well as your colleagues!

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<b>Altus Flutes - Joe Butkevicius, Technician</b> 12020 Eastgate Blvd. Mt. Juliet (615) 773-9918	<b>Flute World</b> 29920 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334 (248) 855-0410 <a href="http://www.fluteworld.com">http://www.fluteworld.com</a>	<b>Miles Ahead Music</b> 808 Lyndon Lane, #103 Louisville, KY 40222-3898 1-888-428-8952 (toll free)    502-479-3772 502 479 3774 (fax) milesahead@milesaheadmusic.net	
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