

JMU Brass & Percussion Area

The health and safety of all students and faculty are of paramount importance as we engage in studio applied teaching during the re-opening of JMU in the Fall. Consortium studies are being undertaken concerning the transmission of coronavirus aerosols in wind and brass instruments, with conclusions hopefully being published in advance of classes resuming. The results of these studies will clearly influence the extent to which students and faculty can safely engage in face-to-face learning.

During Fall 2020, all **applied brass and percussion lessons** will be delivered in a hybrid format. By utilizing large classroom spaces and rehearsal rooms that are being used in rotation, students and faculty will be able to meet on a semi-regular basis in person with live instrumental performing. Lessons that are in off-weeks from the large classroom rotation will be given online. The JMU School of Music is addressing several options for hard-wired internet connected rooms in the building that students will be able to use to broadcast their lessons.

In cases where very large spaces are available (ie: recital hall, concert hall, or Rm 108) **studio classes** may meet in person, following the distancing and safety guidelines as per JMU policy. Otherwise, studio classes will meet synchronously online via conferencing software.

The Brass & Percussion Area is dedicated to providing the highest quality of music lessons regardless of format. Students will be nurtured, supported, and motivated, with individual progress constantly encouraged and personalized attention given to each and every student. Please contact Dr. Ian Zook (zookir@jmu.edu) for questions about the Brass & Percussion Area.