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Music courses at Cariboo College this year will be strongly jazz-flavored and, with two exceptions, will involve performance rather than theory.

Instructor Gordon Waters, an experienced professional musician and teacher, will conduct two evening courses that carry university transfer credit: History of Jazz (Music 117) and Brass and Percussion Methods (Music 176).

He will also be organizing a jazz band and a wind ensemble that will present concerts under College auspices, and will teach weekend courses in Clearwater and Merritt.

Waters, who has been engaged as conductor of the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra, has taught a wide range of music courses at Southern Illinois University, where he earned his Master of Music degree in composition, conducting and performance. During the past year he has been teaching and directing school bands in the Clearwater area, and instructed in trombone at the recent KSO Music Camp.

A native of Vancouver, Waters attended Douglas College and went on to earn a bachelor's degree, with first class honors, at the University of Victoria. He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference.

His experience as a trombone player includes performing with circus bands, jazz bands, the Victoria Summer Festival Orchestra and, most recently, the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra.

There are no prerequisites for any of the College's music courses, including those with university transfer credit. Waters said that beginners as well as experienced musicians can enroll in the Brass and Percussion course.

The jazz band and wind ensemble will be organized under the College's Continuing Education program, as will the jazz band in Clearwater and the Music Appreciation course in Merritt.

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