

Fall 2026 KSU Wind Bands Tenor Trombone Audition

The audition is divided into three primary sections: Etude, Required Excerpts, and Sightreading. Be sure to translate and understand any foreign language terms present in this music as well as locate and listen to multiple reference recordings, representing a wide variety of styles, tempos, and artistic interpretations throughout your audition preparation process. Send any questions you might have to Dr. DeSousa (mdesousa@kennesaw.edu).

Selection I: Etude (1-2 minutes) *

Student must prepare and perform **one** etude from the following options:

- **Rochut** (Melodious Etudes for Trombone)
- **Tyrell** (40 Progressive Studies for Trombone)

Section II: Required Excerpts

Student must prepare and perform the **two included excerpts** provided in the audition packet.

- Copland: *Appalachian Spring*, Reh. 59-61 (required), 62-64 (for wind ensemble)
- Brahms/Safranek: *Academic Festival Overture*, Op. 80 (full excerpt)

Section III: Brief Sightreading

A short, unprepared piece of music will be presented to assess your ability to quickly and accurately interpret new music. You will be given a moment to look over the music before playing.

**Note: You may not use the same etude from past KSU auditions*

59 Solo cantabile $\text{♩} = 76$ 60

mf dolce

61 4 Tb. II 62 $\text{♩} = 76$

f Doppio movimento *f* vigoroso e marc.

63 *f*

64 *p*

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(required), 62-64 (for wind ensemble)

Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80 (Brahms/Safranek)

(♩ = 138-144)

The image displays a musical score for the Academic Festival Overture, Opus 80, by Brahms and Safranek. The score is written in bass clef with a 2/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first three staves feature a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes with accents and dynamic markings of *p* (piano) and *sf* (sforzando). The fourth staff begins with a circled 'H' and contains a melodic line with eighth notes and some chromaticism. The tempo is indicated as 138-144 beats per minute.