

MUSC 4700
WIND ENSEMBLE
UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA—DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Term: Fall 2019
Class Times: W/F 3:00-5:00 pm
Location: HUM 331
Office Hours: By Appointment

Course Description:

The study of instrumental teaching methods and materials and a survey of standard literature for selected band and orchestra instruments.

*Please note that the information contained in this syllabus may be altered
by the instructor at any point during the semester
in order to adapt to the pace or needs specific to the current class.*

Objectives:

- Create the finest ensemble possible
- Assist in preparing members for successful careers in music
- Enjoy rehearsing and performing great music together
- Connect with our audiences on an emotional and intellectual level
- Perform high quality repertoire from a broad range of styles with a focus on contemporary music
- Develop individual and ensemble skills
- Explore historic and theoretic contexts toward the goal of performance with understanding
- Enhance the study and practices encouraged in the private studio
- Play at a consistently high artistic standard in rehearsal and in performance
- Foster creative self-expression
- Tour the state of Georgia
- Interact with soloists and guest conductors
- Serve as an example for MUSC 2700 members in terms of professionalism and preparation

Course Organization:

Concert #1: Go West IX

*Friday, September 27
7:00 pm, 6:30 call time*

Rehearsals: 8/14, 8/16, 8/21, 8/23, 8/28, 8/30, 9/4, 9/6, 9/11, 9/13, 9/18, 9/20, 9/25 (CCSPAC), 9/27 (CCSPAC)

Midterm audio submissions due: Monday, October 7 (Maslanka and Grainger)

Concert #2: Bull's-Eye

*Friday, November 22
7:00 pm, 6:30 call time*

Rehearsals: 10/2, 10/9, 10/11, 10/16, 10/18, 10/23, 10/25, 10/30, 11/1, 11/6, 11/8 (CCSPAC), 11/13, 11/15, 11/20, 11/22 (CCSPAC)

CBDNA Recording Session #1: December 4 (3:00-5:00, Band Room)

CBDNA Recording Session #2: December 11 (2:00-4:00, Band Room)

CBDNA: Natchitoches, Louisiana—February 19-22, 2020 (mark your calendars)

Please visit http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf

Materials:

Instrument and Accessories: mutes, valve oil, reeds, swabs, etc.

Scores: it is suggested that Music Education Majors have printed or electronic versions of as many scores as possible in order to follow along with rehearsals (some are already available via our Dropbox folder).

Audio Recorder: any absences require ensemble members to submit recordings of the pieces/sections missed in class that day. Phones will work as long as dynamics can be heard.

Grading:

1. Evaluation will be based on **individual daily preparation**, active class participation, performance, focus and consistency in rehearsal and professionalism. Please bring all equipment to each rehearsal.
2. Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances.
 - Unexcused rehearsal absences may result in a 6% grade drop
 - Tardiness to a performance (i.e. missing the first piece) drops your grade by a letter
 - Missing a performance entirely (or a substantial portion) may result in a failing grade
3. Two tardies = 1 absence (tardy goes into effect at 3:00 once tuning begins).
4. Sectionals may be called by the conductor or principal players as needed.
5. Recording submissions may be called by the conductor; each serves as a rehearsal grade.
Midterm audio submissions constitute 20% of your final grade.
6. Note: students are responsible for managing their personal schedules; any events scheduled by family members or outside organizations will **not** be considered excused. Unexcused absences may affect participation in the ensemble for future semesters.
7. Emergencies and illness will be excused on an individual basis with the conductor (Please contact Dr. Byrd via e-mail as soon as possible; doctor's notes are required).
8. Requests to miss rehearsal due to performance/audition conflict should be sent to Dr. Byrd at least **two weeks** in advance of the absence. **There is a limit of two excused absences per semester** (barring special circumstances).
9. Any excused absence must be made up through the electronic submission of pieces/excerpts rehearsed for that day (send mp3/m4a via email, DropBox, etc.).

Grade Scale:

A: 90-100%, B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: 0-59%

Class Policies:

1. Cell phone usage is not allowed; please keep them off of your stands. **If you are using your phone during rehearsal, you will be issued an unexcused absence for that day.**
2. Percussionists are expected to have all "essential" items set up prior to class regardless of part assignments (timpani, keyboards, etc.). **Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.**
3. Restroom breaks need to be taken in between pieces; students should remain in their seats during the entirety of the rehearsal unless there is an emergency.

Concert Attire:

Men: Black tuxedo, tux shirt, medium width black bow tie, dress shoes, black socks.

Women: Black pantsuit with black blouse with full-length sleeves and conservative neckline (black socks/hose, black shoes, simple jewelry and hair accessories).

