Clarinet and Saxophone Ensemble: MUEN 1137
Spring 2014
Meeting time TBA

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Other times by appointment

Rehearsal Schedule:
As has occurred in the past, mutually agreeable rehearsal times will be determined at the beginning of the semester based on the schedules of all parties involved. The ensemble must meet for 120 minutes of supervised rehearsal time each week to meet credit hour requirements. Additional unsupervised time may be undertaken by the students, and is in fact encouraged.

Required Materials:
All required performance literature and any other additional materials will be provided and should be brought to each rehearsal. Any suggested supplemental materials will be optional.

Course Description:
The emphasis of this course will be on the performance of saxophone quartet literature, and continued development of skills for improvement in the quality of performance.

Course Objectives:
Students will demonstrate, through performance, understanding of basic concepts of ensemble performance, including:

- Tonal beauty
- Balance between melody and harmony
- Accurate rhythmic execution
- Appropriate articulation
- Appropriate use of expressive nuance
- Accurate intonation

Grading Policy:
The student’s grade for this course will be determined by the student’s participation in rehearsals and performances. Obviously, attendance will be a major factor in this determination. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Two or more absences are grounds for a letter-grade reduction. Four or more absences will constitute grounds for two letter-grade reduction. Absence from a performance for reasons other than a person’s own severe illness, hospitalization or injury, with appropriate medical documentation if requested, (or illness, hospitalization or death of a relative) will be grounds for a grade of F or no credit.

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**Classroom Procedures and Behavior:**
Students are expected to exhibit behavior appropriate for an academic setting. Please exhibit courtesy toward the instructor and members of the class. Arrive for class in a timely manner and do everything else you can to establish the best possible atmosphere for music-making. This includes preparing your individual part so that rehearsals are productive for the other members of the group and the development of positive morale.

**Supplies:**
Students are expected to furnish neck straps, reeds and any other accessories.

**Performances:**
Tentatively scheduled, at this time is a performance for the Chamber Ensembles Concert, PAC. The date will be announced as soon as it is determined. Additional performances may be scheduled and will be announced as soon as they are determined. Attendance/participation in performances is a requirement of this class. Failure to participate in a performance will be considered grounds for failure, regardless of contributions to rehearsals and other performances during the semester.

**Academic Integrity and Honesty**
Students are expected at all times to abide by the Academic Integrity and Honesty statements printed in the University Catalog. You are expected to write your own papers. Papers downloaded from the internet, for example, are not acceptable work. Any breach of academic integrity and honesty is grounds for failure in this course.

**Important College of Liberal Arts Information**

**Academic Advising:** The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College's Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

**Grade Appeals Process:** Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamu.edu/students/studentinfo.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean.

**Disabilities Accommodations:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall, Room 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.