Woodwind Ensembles Syllabus
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MUEN 1136 Section 002
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Course Description: Membership in music ensembles is open to all University students. Ensembles meet for periods of rehearsal ranging from two to five hours each week. All ensemble courses carry one semester hour of credit, and all may be repeated for credit. Some degree programs limit the amount of such credit that may be applied to the degree. In some instances, an audition with the ensemble director may be required for admission to the course. Every full-time music major must enroll, participate, and receive a passing grade in a major ensemble every semester except the clinical teaching semester.

Learning Objectives: Students will learn musicianship skills designed for performance in chamber music settings.

Attendance

Rehearsals – Students are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals, which are arranged in the first week of the semester. A student may miss one rehearsal unexcused in the semester without lowering of the final grade. For each unexcused absence after the first, the student’s grade is lowered one letter.

Concerts/Recitals – Chamber Music students are required to attend all scheduled concerts and recitals. A list of required concerts/recitals will be provided at the beginning of the semester and may be updated periodically throughout the semester.

Performance and Preparation

Group Rehearsals – Students are to come to all rehearsals with music fully prepared. Rehearsal time is not to be spent practicing, but instead, time is spent discussing strategies and techniques to improve the group’s performance. Students are expected to practice the assignments given each week and come to the rehearsal ready to perform. Do not come to the rehearsal without having properly warmed up.

Grading
There are two main aspects of grading for this course: attendance and performance. Attendance has been discussed, but grading individual performance will be assessed by the professor. Although certain standards are set by the Department of Music, students are expected not to simply meet the minimum standard, but to realize their full potential. A student’s grade may be lowered if his/her own personal performance standard, which I determine, is not met.

At the beginning of the semester, each student will be assigned a grade of C. After each lesson, the student’s grade will be raised or lowered one level of grade (plus or minus: C moves to C+ or C-) until the end of the semester with the resulting final grade for the course.

**Course Schedule**

The following layout with major assignments can be used as a guide for the semester, but may be changed at the discretion of the professor.

Week 1 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 2 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 3 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 4 – Rehearsal progress; Performance  
Week 5 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 6 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 7 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 8 – Rehearsal progress; Performance  
Week 9 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 10 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 11 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 12 – Rehearsal progress; Performance  
Week 13 – Rehearsal progress  
Week 14 – Rehearsal progress; Performance  
Week 15 – Rehearsal progress

**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 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.

**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. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising
Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

**Dropping a Class**
I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. *Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course.* Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. April 6 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

**Grade Appeals**
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, *Student Grade Appeals*, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, *Student Grade Appeals*. These documents are accessible online at: [http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf](http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal in CLA, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, [http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html](http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html).