

The IVC Concert Band

MUS 172

A. Course Description: Open to all students who wish to play music from the concert band repertoire.

A performance organization specializing in a wide range of literature for the wind band. The primary objective will be to provide the continuing music performing experiences needed by community adults, music educators, and advanced high school students. Maximum credit four units. (CSU,UC)

B. SLOs – 1) Students will attain better aural awareness and ensemble skills 2) The student will improve the understanding and reading of syncopated rhythms on his/her instrument. 3) The students will be able to perform semi- difficult to difficult musical passages in a concert setting.

C. Required Materials:

1. "Essential Technique 2000 – Book 3" *Required Method Book* for your instrument.
2. Performance Material will be supplied by the instructor.
3. Musicians must have their own instrument (Percussion & some instruments avail.)

C. Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance is expected and recorded. *Poor attendance will lower student's grade.* Up to six "outside-of-class" performances are typical for this ensemble and *all students* are required to participate unless excused by instructor in well in advance.

D. Policy on Homework & Quizzes: There are no written assignments however, instrumental performance and improvisation requires several hours of practice outside of class. **2 hours of independent work outside of class** per each hour of lecture is strongly suggested for a good grade.

E. Grading Policy:

50% = Class Rehearsal Activities

- a. *Attendance & Being On Time*
- b. *Citizenship and rehearsal conduct*
- c. *Attitude*
- d. *Improvement from week to week*
- e. *Practice sheet turn-in*

30% = Live Performances (aprox. 3)

- a. *Punctuality*
- b. *Set Up and Tear Down Participation*
- c. *Concert Attire*
- d. *Preparedness*
- e. *Stage Presence and Performance*

Note: Non-attendance = "F" grade!**Excused Non-attendance = "C" grade!**

20% = Final May Concert or Performance Exam (Final) (TBA)
(Attendance is mandatory!)

G. Office Hrs:

WALK IN Hours:

MW: 9am-10:15am, 4:30 - 5:00 pm

TT: 8:00-8:30am, 12:15-1:15pm

Other Hours: TBA _____

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Disabled Student Programs and Services: Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Visit or call DSP&S, Mel Wendrick Access Center, Room 2117, (760) 355-6312

General Classroom Rules

Cell Phones: The use of cell phones are not permitted during class. Students should switch their phones "off" or to "vibrate" during class time. If the student must take or make a call, then he/she should step outside of the classroom before talking.

Disruptive Students: Most of you are here to learn, but some students are not serious. To preserve a productive learning environment, students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with Sergio Lopez, Campus Disciplinary officer, before returning to continue with coursework. Mr. Lopez will follow disciplinary procedures as outlined in the General Catalog.

Cheating and Plagiarism. IVC expects honesty and integrity from all students. A student found to have cheated on any assignment or plagiarized will receive a zero for the assignment and sent to Disciplinary Officer Sergio Lopez. A second occurrence of cheating or plagiarism may result in dismissal from class and expulsion from IVC as outlined in the General Catalog.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend every class session. Any student who misses the first class will be dropped. Students will be dropped at instructor if they after the third unexcused absence. However, a student may be excused if the instructor is notified before class and he or she has a good reason. Also, it is the student's responsibility to keep up with all missed assignments if he or she cannot attend a class session.