MUS 272N1 – MUS 450N
University Band

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Class Meeting: M 7:00-8:50 PM
Classroom: Harding Band Building 141 (unless otherwise noted)

Course Description:
The University Band maintains the instrumentation of a large concert band. It performs large ensemble works and is focused on providing members with a variety of high-quality literature at an accessible level. The ensemble also provides music education majors with exposure to music and teaching techniques applicable to their future careers. University Band is open to all students who have been accepted by audition, with assignments made according to proficiency and instrumentation. Due to the nature of music ensembles, required performances will occur at times other than class times, and additional required rehearsals may be announced. This course may be repeated for credit.

Attendance:
The base expectation is that all ensemble members will be in attendance for all rehearsals and performances.

1) If you have an unexcused absence from a rehearsal, your semester grade will be lowered by one letter grade.
2) If you are tardy three times for rehearsal, your semester grade will be lowered by one letter grade (six times = two letter grades, etc.)
3) If you have an unexcused absence from the performance, you will receive a failing grade for the semester.
4) Communicate all absences by e-mailing both conductors prior to the absence. Conflicts such as serious illnesses with medical documentation, required academic activities in your field, and family emergencies are generally eligible to be excused, at the discretion of the conductors. Prior communication is key.
5) A conflict verification letter will be provided to you to give to instructors of your other classes in case there is a conflict with the concert.
Music:
Music is supplied by University of Illinois Bands. Music and folders are on loan to students for each concert rotation and must be returned in full at the close of each concert rotation. Students are responsible for all loaned materials, and must replace any missing items. The fee for a missing folder is $25.

Course Goals:
1) Provide a quality musical experience for those students who play wind and percussion instruments.
2) Expose students to a variety of styles found in the wind band repertoire.
3) Provide an opportunity for future music educators to gain practical experience playing a secondary instrument and gain exposure to quality repertoire.

Learning Goals:
1) Develop individual musicianship through a large ensemble experience.
2) Foster individual improvement on students’ specific instruments.
3) Demonstrate various rehearsal techniques benefiting music education students.

Grades:
Grades are based on:
1) Attendance (discussed above)
2) Professionalism/effort: No cell phone use, no food or drink in rehearsal, etc. If the conductors haven’t spoken to you about concerns in this area, you need not be concerned.
3) Concert attendance: Students are required to attend one University of Illinois band concert during the course of the semester. Proof of attendance is the ticket stub stapled to the program. Your semester grade will be lowered one-half letter grade if this requirement is not met. Programs are due by the last day of classes.

You can view the fall schedule for UI Bands events here: [https://www.bands.illinois.edu/calendar/](https://www.bands.illinois.edu/calendar/)
Marching Illini events are NOT eligible for the concert attendance requirement.
If you are playing in another UI band, let the conductors know, and this will satisfy the requirement.

Performances:
TBD
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts – Foellinger Great Hall
Call time for concerts will be announced. Details will be given during preceding rehearsals.
**Concert Dress:**
Acceptable concert attire is:
Option 1: Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black dress shoes, and black socks.
Option 2: Floor-length black skirt, black pants (no denim), or black dress meeting all specifications.
Long-sleeved black blouse. Black/dark pantyhose, black dress shoes, simple jewelry. No décolletage, bare shoulders, necklines, short dresses or midriffs. Open-toed shoes or sandals are acceptable with dark stockings or dark pantyhose.

**Communication:**
This is intended to be an enjoyable and learning experience for all. In order to make this a beneficial musical experience for each student, please seek guidance as questions arise. We encourage you to contact us through e-mail or schedule appointments as needed.

**Website:**
All students are expected to regularly check the Illinois Bands web pages at bands.illinois.edu for more information including concert schedules for all the bands, reference recordings, weekly rehearsal schedules, and other news. Students are responsible for all materials posted on the website.