

**SYLLABUS**  
**MUEN 2131 – WOODWIND ENSEMBLE**  
**SPRING 2020**

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**PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:**

Students will improve musicianship through a study of musical performance in a small ensemble.

**COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamentals of tone production and playing technique of their instrument.
- Demonstrate a variety of rehearsal techniques, leading to an ability to perform with competence.
- Improve intonation as an ensemble.
- Demonstrate ensemble communication.
- Demonstrate leadership skills within the ensemble.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the repertoire regularly performed by their ensemble.
- Improve musicianship in regards to style and musical interpretation.
- Integrate music theory and history into their performance preparation.

**EXPECTATIONS**

- The student is expected to come prepared for the rehearsal and to be on time.
- The ensemble is expected to have two one-hour rehearsals each week.
- The student is expected to have practiced outside of the rehearsals.
- The student is expected to behave in an appropriate and professional manner.
- The student is expected to be interested in improving.
- The student is expected to perform on student recitals as assigned.
- The student is expected to attend other events as assigned by the Instructor.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Students are required to purchase reeds and other performance materials as needed. It is encouraged that students purchase at least 2 boxes of reeds (Vandoren or D'Addario are suggested) at the beginning of each semester. Each student should own a portable metronome and tuner (smartphone apps are okay but not recommended.) Students are required to keep instruments in excellent working condition. Music will be provided for the students by the instructor.

**REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES:**

Rehearsals will be arranged according to students' class schedules. All rehearsals will be in the band hall, woodwind studio, or recital hall. The ensemble performs one recital a semester. Recitals are scheduled by the instructor. All members of the ensemble are required to perform in the recital. If a student fails to attend the recital (except in the case of a legitimate emergency), they will receive the grade of F in the course.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Unexcused absences will result in an F for the rehearsal missed. A missed performance will result in an automatic F in the course. Students should give the instructor advance notice in the event that a rehearsal must be missed. Students must have a legitimate excuse for missing a rehearsal. If ill, the student must present a doctor's note after the missed rehearsal in order for the absence to be excused. Three tardies will equal one unexcused absence. Students who come to the rehearsal unprepared, without appropriate materials, or exhibit no desire to improve may be dismissed and earn an F for that rehearsal.

If a student must miss a rehearsal because of participation in an activity sanctioned by the college or being sick, the student must notify the instructor PRIOR to the day of absence. This notification must be in the form of a written document prepared by the Office of the Dean of Students or a doctor's note. Verbal notification or written notification after the absence is not acceptable.

## **GRADING STANDARDS:**

### **Final grades are based on a combination of the following:**

- Weekly rehearsals – 50%
- Recital – 10%
- Attendance – 40%

The course grade book is maintained at <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com/webapps/login/>. You are encouraged to log in regularly, to keep track of your personal records. If you have questions about using this website, please do not hesitate to ask the instructor.

- **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

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Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

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If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.