

**South Plains College**  
**Course Syllabus: MUEN 2131**  
**Fall 2023**

**Department:** Fine Arts  
**Discipline:** Music  
**Course Title:** Woodwind Ensemble  
**Meeting Time:** TBD  
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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 weekly rehearsals.
- 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**

Instrument in excellent working condition

Portable metronome/tuner (smartphone apps are okay)

Reeds – broken in (students should purchase at least 1 box of D'Addario Reserve or Vandoren reeds)

All music and performance materials (music will be provided by the professor)

**Meetings, Recordings, and Performances**

Rehearsals or meetings will be arranged according to students' and professor's class schedules. They may be in-person or virtual, depending on space availability and safety.

Students may be required to submit recordings of ensemble material to the professor. The material and recording deadline will be outlined by the professor.

- All rehearsals or meetings will be in the Fine Arts building or conducted through Blackboard Collaborate or Zoom.
- The ensemble may perform one recital a semester at the discretion of the professor. Performances will be in-person or virtual, depending on space availability and safety. If it is not safe or feasible to hold an in-person or virtual performance, there will be no performance.

### **Repertoire Research**

The student will research a piece of repertoire assigned by the professor.

- Contents of the research document will be outlined by the professor.
- The document should be typed.
- The document should be submitted to the professor by the given deadline.
- Late documents will not be accepted.

### **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances, **whether they are virtual or in-person.**

- If the student is ill or has been exposed to Covid-19, the student is excused from any in-person meeting.
- 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 notify the professor before the missed rehearsal.
- 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.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

The last day to withdraw/drop with a grade of "W" is November 30. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from this course. Otherwise, students will be assigned their earned letter grade at the end of the course. Course averages will be updated weekly, and guidance will be provided throughout the term to help students decide whether they need to drop the class or not. For more information regarding drops/withdrawals, please visit <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/apply/schedulechanges.php>.

If the student does not communicate with the professor or attend class for 3 consecutive weeks, the student will be advised to drop the course.

### **Grading Standards**

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

- Weekly Meetings – 40%
- Repertoire Research – 20%
- Attendance – 40%

### **Grade Book**

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.

### **Covid-19 Statement**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

For information and resources about COVID-19, please visit <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/emergency/covid19-faq.php>.

### **Plagiarism and Cheating**

Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
- Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
- Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
- Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
- Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
- Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
- Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
- Taking an examination for another;
- Altering grade records;
- Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;

- Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
- Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

### **Student Code of Conduct Policy**

Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

### **Diversity Statement**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### **Disabilities Statement**

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, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

### **Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

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 Health and Wellness Center. 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 the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email [dburleson@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dburleson@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>  
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.