

Course Syllabus

Course Information

MUSI 2113.501 Pep Band Spring 2015

Location: AH1 1.104

Time: Thursday, 7:00–7:50 p.m.

Extra Rehearsals/Performances: TBA

Trade-off Days: TBD

Mid-term Performance: TBA

Final Performance: TBA

Students in MUSI 2113.501 Pep Band must perform in the required campus events, usual 4-5 per semester, in order to promote the music and the spirit of UT Dallas. There will also be a performance TBA at the Student Union.

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

An audition is not necessary to participate in MUSI 2113.501 Pep Band, which is a music performance class. Prior musical knowledge is necessary; and a pre-requisite would be a demonstration of previous performance competence with the ability to play in both a solo and ensemble setting on a wind or percussion instrument.

Course Description

MUSI 2113.501 Pep Band is a performance class. This course will introduce students to traditional popular and participative music in order to promote UT Dallas spirit. Students in MUSI 2113.501 Pep Band will perform in at least four required events. Students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the descriptive, interpretive, and evaluative elements of criticism in music works performed. This is a one-credit course. You may take it 9 times.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Students will be expected to identify and discuss the major elements of popular and participative music such as harmony, melody, form, timbre, interpretation, texture, rhythm, and dynamics as they pertain to performance practice. Students will be expected to compare and contrast the fundamental characteristics of the styles and elements of music and will be evaluated through a final event, a research paper, class participation, and analyses of musical performances. This should result in a better understanding, and in turn, a greater appreciation of performing music in a concert setting.

Required Textbooks and Materials

- Music for rehearsals
- Black 3-ring binder or flip folder
- Tuner
- Pencil for editing music

Suggested Course Materials

- Aaron Copland, *What to Listen for in Music*
 - Readings on eLearning
 - Music database: You can get to the Naxos Music Library database by going to the library's webpage (www.utdallas.edu/library). Under Collections, click on "Find Articles (Databases);" then click on "N" (for "Naxos Music Library") in the database title list. If you're off-campus, you will be prompted for your ID.
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Assignments & Academic Calendar

Week	Date	
1	1/15	Introduction: syllabus and course overview; elements of music: melody (pitch), harmony, rhythm, form, timbre, texture, dynamics Memorize Fight Song
2	1/22 1/24	Men's Basketball Game – vs. UT Texas-Tyler Men's Basketball Game – vs. University of the Ozarks
3	1/29 1/31	Rehearsal Men's Basketball Game – vs. Sul Ross State
4	2/5	Men's Basketball Game – vs. Louisiana College
5	2/12	Rehearsal
6	2/19 2/21	Men's Basketball Game – vs. Mary Hardin Baylor Men's Basketball Game – vs. Concordia University Texas
7	2/26	Music preparation and rehearsal; Possible tournament games
8	3/5	Music preparation and rehearsal; Possible tournament games
9	3/12	Music preparation and rehearsal; Possible tournament games

10	3/19	Spring Break: No class
11	3/26	Music preparation and rehearsal
12	4/2	No rehearsal
13	4/9	Music preparation and rehearsal
14	4/16	Music preparation and rehearsal
15	4/23	Music preparation and rehearsal
16	4/29, 4/30, or 5/1	Mall Concert Critique due: descriptive criticism

Grading Policy

Class Participation: <i>this grade includes attendance and rehearsal decorum</i>	20%
Spirit Rally: date TBA	20%
Mid-Term Performance: Game, Thursday, 2/19/15	20%
Final Performance: Mall Concert, date TBD	20%
Critique:	20%

Course & Instructor Policies

- The use of tablets/iPads/computers/phones and/or doing homework during class or performances is *verboden!*
 - Phones: if you need to use your phone to check time or for a tuner, that's fine. Please, however, refrain from texting, Facebook, and email; be respectful.
 - Tablets/iPads/Computers: these are not reliable to read music off of. There is too much room for error. Use paper; it just works better.
 - Homework: really?!?!? Do it at home.
- All email communication must come from a UTD email account

Attendance and Class Participation

- Attendance is mandatory and roll is taken at each class. **An absence or lateness will only be considered if excused by email *prior* to the class, except in cases of emergency or as noted below.** This syllabus is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.
 - This is a group effort. We need EVERYONE here.
- A rehearsal schedule for the upcoming week will be posted on eLearning no later than Sunday evening.
- All music is posted on eLearning. **It is the student's responsibility to download and/or print his/her parts for rehearsals and performances.**
- **We play the Fight Song (*Tiger Rag*) from memory at games. Memorize it ASAP.**

Decorum, Classroom Citizenship, and Extra-curricular matters

- All written work and class discussion for this course must employ gender-neutral, nonsexist language, and rhetorical constructions. Such practice is part of a classroom environment according full respect and opportunity to all participants by all others.
- Students may request to do one extra credit assignment at the instructor's discretion. Late assignments will be accepted no later than the next class and the grade will be reduced by 50%.

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Off-campus Instruction and Course Activities

Field Trip Policies

There are no scheduled off-campus field trips although students are encouraged to attend off-campus concerts and events.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

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