

Coe College Concert Band

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Director of Bands and Instrumental Music Education

MUA-003, 0.3 Credit Spring 2012 Sinclair Auditorium

Monday, 4:30 - 6:15 PM, Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:15 PM

Additional Meetings Listed on Schedule

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In addition to the two meetings per week listed in the catalog, members of this class will also be graded on their participation in the other events listed on the Concert Band Schedule. Participation **includes preparation for rehearsals and concerts and attendance at a minimal number of other performances.**

All absences must be approved ahead of time, except in cases of emergency. E-Mail band@coe.edu in advance to find out whether or not it will be excused. In general, the only acceptable excuses are school and health related, and then only if they could not have been scheduled at another time. "I overslept" or "I had too much homework" or "I couldn't get a ride" are NOT acceptable! Plan ahead! Discipline problems that disrupt rehearsals or erode band morale will lower the grade.

Because rehearsals are so important, membership in the ensemble requires near-perfect attendance to get a grade of A. Students with legitimate Academic-, Athletic-, or health-related schedule conflicts are permitted to make up their absences. The main requirements to get an A are well-prepared participation in rehearsals and concerts, avoidance of unexcused absences, and assistance with logistics (setups, etc.). If you are concerned that absence problems might be affecting your grade, please contact the instructor immediately. More information is available on the website listed above.

Most questions about band (rehearsal schedules, for example) can be answered by visiting the band website: www.coe.edu/bands.

Concert Band Grading System

Perfect attendance will be worth 400 points. This will include all rehearsals (10 pts.), dress rehearsals (25 pts.), and concert band performances (25 pts.). Students who miss one of the above will lose points according to the following scale:

Excused Late:	2 - 3 points per rehearsal (6/dress/concert)
Excused Absence:	4 points per rehearsal (12/dress/ concert)
Unexcused Late:	5 points (20/dress/ concert)
Unexcused Absence:	10 points (50/dress/ concert)

Additional supplemental performances may be used as makeup, worth 5 points each.

Letter grades will be based on a 95%, 90%, 85%, 80% scale, in other words:

381 - 400 = A

361 - 380 = B

341 - 360 = C

321 - 340 = D

320 and Below = F

Pluses or minuses will be awarded at the discretion of the conductor, to encourage enthusiastic, well-prepared participation. Students who earn a lower grade than they would like may meet with the conductor to arrange makeup activities. The student must schedule this meeting **within two weeks of the absence to be made up**; otherwise the letter grade will stand.

Schedule Summary- Spring 2012

Regularly Scheduled Rehearsals:

January 11 through May 2 - Mondays, 4:30 - 6:15, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:15

Most rehearsals will be on stage in Sinclair Auditorium.

Concert Band Performances:

Saturday, April 21, Festival of Bands Grand Finale Concert, 8:00 p.m. (arrival 6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, May 6, Pre-Commencement Concert, 9:30 a.m. (dress rehearsal 8:00 a.m.)

Location – large tent in front of Library, Voorhees side

Supplemental Performances:

Please join us for the following instrumental music events, which may be used for makeup points:

- Friday, February 17, Faculty Recital, 7:45 pm, D-K
- Saturday, February 25, Jazz Summit, 8:00 pm, Sinclair
- Thurs., Apr. 19, Fest. of Bands: Kirkwood Comm. College Band, New Horizons Band, 8 pm, Sinclair
- Saturday, April 21, Festival of Bands: Elementary Honor Band, 4:00 pm, Sinclair
- Sunday, April 22, Festival of Bands: Jr. and Sr. Honor Band, Coe Jazz Band, 4:00 pm, Sinclair

Specially Scheduled Rehearsals and Events:

Thurs., Fri., and Sat., February 23-25, Jazz Summit Job Assignments (community members optional)

Friday, April 20, Festival of Bands Dress Rehearsal, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (with guest conductor)

Excused Absences:

Monday, January 16, No rehearsal - Martin Luther King Day

March 5, 7, No rehearsals – Spring Break

Monday, April 30, No rehearsal – final exams

We WILL rehearse Wednesday, May 2 (final rehearsal in Sinclair)

**All Band Members are expected at ALL of the events listed above.
Please plan your calendar accordingly.**