

Coe College Concert Band

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Director of Bands and Music Education

MUA-003, 0.3 Credit Fall 2010 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. Leave a message on my voicemail (extension 8520), before the proposed absence or contact me by E-Mail in advance to find out whether or not it will be excused. You must contact me directly. 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 points), dress rehearsals (25 points), and concert band performances (25 points). Students who miss one of the above will lose points according to the following scale:

Excused Late: 1 - 2 points per rehearsal (10/dress/concert)
Excused Absence: 3 points per rehearsal (15/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

Plusses 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. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule this meeting **within two weeks of the absence to be made up**; otherwise the letter grade will stand.

Schedule Summary- Fall 2010

Regularly Scheduled Rehearsals:

Sept. 1 through December 6 - Mondays, 4:30 - 6:15, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:15
Most rehearsals will be on stage in Sinclair Auditorium.

Performances:

Friday, October 15, Homecoming Concert, 7:00 p.m. (arrival 6:25 p.m.)
Sunday, November 21, Fall Concert, 2:00 p.m. (arrival 12:30 p.m.)

Specially Scheduled Rehearsals and Events:

Monday, August 30, recorded auditions for returning students, 4:30 – 6:15 pm, lower Marquis
Thursday, October 14, Homecoming Dress Rehearsal, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, November 8, Mini-tour: 3:30 pm - midnight

Excused Absences:

Monday, September 6, Labor Day
Wednesday, September 8, Dr. Carson not available (Rosh Hashanah)
Monday, October 18, Break after Homecoming week
Wednesday, October 20, No rehearsal (start fall break)
Monday, November 22, pre-Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, November 24, Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 29, post-Thanksgiving Break

Spring Term 2011 Dates:

Jazz Summit - February 25 - 26
Festival of Bands - April 14 – 17
Commencement - May 8

Major Band Tour:

Early August, 2011

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

Attire

The Concert Band wears formal attire – “concert black.” Men are in tuxedos with black socks, black shoes, and a black bow tie. Women are in an all black formal outfit (dress, skirt, or slacks acceptable), or primarily black with a white accent (such as a white blouse with a black sweater or jacket over it. The look should be professional and classy. If you have any questions, please bring your selected outfit for previous approval.