

CONCERT BAND
MUSC 3850 A **CRN: 21608**
Days/Time: M,W 4:00 – 5:15pm **Room: Whitehead Auditorium**
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Principal ensemble for wind and percussion principals and other principals according to assignment by the Head of the Department of Music. Open to any VSU student by permission of the instructor.

RATIONALE: Concert Band will provide students with large ensemble performance and increase familiarity with literature for symphonic band, wind ensemble and large chamber ensemble.

TEXT: Musical arrangements selected by the band director will be provided.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this course, students will

1. Demonstrate general musical and technical development as well as increased awareness of musical structure, style, and performance practice. (Dept. of Music – Acquire the ability to teach music at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom and ensemble settings; VSU - #6)
2. Develop an awareness of the rehearsal process and their responsibilities within that process. (Dept. of Music – Acquire the ability to teach music at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom and ensemble settings; VSU - #6)

ASSIGNMENTS:

Attend all regularly scheduled rehearsals

Perform on two concerts during the Spring semester

Learn music according to the schedule provided

Bring all materials to class (instrument, music, and pencil)

*Assignments are constructed to provide the structure needed to meet the course objective(s).

ASSESSMENT:

You will receive a letter grade and one semester-hour credit for MUSC 3850.

Grading Scale: 90 – 100 = A; 80 – 89 = B; 70 -79 = C; 60 – 69 = D; 59 or < = F

Grading Criteria:

1. Positive Learning Environment (20%)

Having all materials (instrument, music, and pencil) with you each day and contributing in a positive manner.

2. Music Preparation (30%)

Each student will be responsible for preparing music as outlined on the calendar (distributed by the director). It is the responsibility of the student to learn his/her music to allow the rehearsal time to be used for rehearsing and putting together of individual parts. Some

music will require practice outside of class time in order to reach a high standard of performance.

3. Attendance (50%)

Each absence drops your attendance grade by 8 points. Six or more absences results in an automatic F for the course. Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog regarding the attendance policy. A missed performance requires advanced notice to the Director. A missed performance due to illness requires verification from a physician. An unexcused missed performance drops your attendance grade by 25 points. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class session. Students who are less than 15 minutes late will be counted tardy (three tardies counts as an absence). Students that are more than 15 minutes late will be counted absent.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

CONCERT DATES:

Feb. 19 Whitehead Auditorium (7:30 pm) w/ VSU Wind Ensemble

April 23 Whitehead Auditorium (7:30 pm)

*Concert attire is formal black (tux or black suit, white shirt and black tie for men; black skirt/dress with white/black top or black dress suit for women; closed toe dress shoes)

There will be no class meeting on the following dates:

Jan. 21 MLK Holiday

Mar. 18 and 20 Spring Break

Specific Rehearsal Sequence Calendar to be provided by the instructor.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

The University expects that all students shall regularly attend all scheduled class meetings held for instruction or examination. . . . It is recognized that class attendance is essentially a matter between students and their instructors. Instructors must explain their absence policy in the course syllabus. All students are held responsible for knowing the specific attendance requirements as prescribed by their instructors and for the satisfactory make-up work missed by absences. When students are to be absent from class, they should immediately contact the instructor. A student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receive a failing grade in the course.

Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in the Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY).

Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the faculty members' syllabi. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics.