

GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Course No. and Year: MUS 272A | MUS 450 N1

COURSE NAME AND DESCRIPTION

The UI University Band is on equal positioning with the UI Campus Band. A traditional concert band with set instrumentation, the University Band performs large ensemble works and is focused on providing members with a variety of repertoire, including popular settings, unique repertoire, and non-traditional collaborations. This ensemble also provides music education majors with exposure to music and teaching techniques applicable to their future careers. Concerts for the University Band are on campus at a variety of venues and often in tandem with the UI Campus Band (during the Spring semester). This course may be repeated for credit.

Conductors:

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SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

General Class Schedule:

Monday 7:00-8:50 pm

Rehearsals are in Harding Band Building, Room 141 unless otherwise noted on the online weekly rehearsal schedule.

Attendance Requirements:

The expectation is that all ensemble members will be in attendance for all rehearsals and performances.

1. Your semester grade is lowered one letter grade for each unexcused absence.
2. Your semester grade is lowered one letter grade for every three times you are tardy.

3. An unexcused absence from the performance will result in a failing grade for the semester.
4. Communicate all absences to one of the conductors via e-mail or written notice placed in the conductor's mailbox in HBB 140 prior to the absence. Conflicts such as serious illnesses with medical documentation, required academic activities in your field, and family emergencies are eligible to be excused. Prior communication is key.

Conflict Verification Letter (to provide to instructor of class and/or exam in conflict with a performance or rehearsal)

Text:

Music is supplied by University of Illinois Bands. Music and folders are on loan to students for each concert rotation and must be returned in full at the close of each concert rotation. Students are responsible for all loaned materials, and must replace any missing items. **The fee for a missing folder is \$25.**

Course Goals:

1. Provide a quality musical experience for those students who play wind and percussion instruments.
2. Expose students to a variety of styles found in the wind band repertoire.
3. Provide an opportunity for future music educators to gain practical experience playing a secondary instrument and gain exposure to quality repertoire.

Learning Goals:

1. Develop individual musicianship through a large ensemble experience.
2. Foster individual improvement on students' specific instrument.
3. Demonstrate various rehearsal techniques benefiting music education students.

Grading Method:

Grades are based on a combination of rehearsal attendance, effort, and concert attendance. In addition to the attendance requirements outlined above, students should demonstrate good rehearsal habits (no cell phones, food or drink in rehearsal, etc.)

Students are required to attend one University of Illinois band concert during the course of the semester. *Proof of attendance is the ticket stub stapled to the program.* Your semester grade will be lowered one-half letter grade if this requirement is not met. Programs are due by the last day of classes.

Performance: University Band

December 5, 2017 | 7:30 PM (Tuesday)

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts | Foellinger Great Hall

Call time for concerts will be 45 minutes prior to the concert. Details will be given during preceding rehearsals.

Sectionals:

Throughout the semester both large and small sectionals will take place during the scheduled rehearsal times.

Concert Dress:

Acceptable concert attire is:

(Men) Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks and shoes.

(Women) Long black dress with black hose or black pants including the following: some sort of sleeve, closed back, close-toed black shoes.

Communication:

This is intended to be an enjoyable and learning experience for all. In order to make this a beneficial musical experience for each student, please seek guidance as questions arise. We encourage you to contact us through e-mail or schedule appointments as needed.

Website:

All students are expected to regularly check the Illinois Bands web pages atbands.illinois.edu for more information including concert schedules for all the bands, reference recordings, weekly rehearsal schedules, and other news. Students are responsible for all materials posted on the website.