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Course Title: MUS 454, Concord Commanders (Jazz Ensemble)

Course CRN, Section, Credit Hours: 20122, 01, 1

Semester Taught: Spring 2019

Room Number: Alexander Fine Arts, M107 (Band Room)

Course Time: 12:30-13:45 TR

Course Management System: In Class

Prerequisites: Experience in Middle & High School Jazz Ensembles

Text requirements: Repertoire as assigned by the instructor in class

Course Description/Rationale:

"An organization under faculty supervision which studies and performs literature from all styles of jazz and popular music." -Concord University Academic Catalog

Concord University Educational Goal(s):

#2 – Knowledge: Familiarity with principles underlying academic discourse in various fields;

#3 – Attitudes: Tendencies conducive to self-knowledge, personal growth and development and responsible citizenship.

Learning Outcomes:

2.6: An awareness of the aesthetic principles, methods, materials and media employed in artistic performance and the creation of works of art and literature.

3.5: Appreciation for the creative process and for the rich diversity of artistic achievement.

Course Requirements:

Individual preparation of ones part, and the ability to perform within the context of the group setting.

Grading Policy:

-100% of your grade is based on attendance, participation, professional behavior, and ability to perform ones individual part in the context of the ensemble while illustrating improvement at each rehearsal.

-Unexcused rehearsal absences will result in a 10% reduction in the student's final course score per infraction.

-Unexcused performance absences will result in a final course score of an F.

-The instructor reserves the right to assess rehearsal preparedness by calling for individual “pop quizzes” during rehearsal time.

Grading Scale:

A: 90–100, B: 80–89, C: 70–79, D: 60–69, F: 0–59

Performances:

TBA in Class

Accessibility/Accommodations:

Concord University is committed to responding to the needs of students with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please inform your instructor at the beginning of the class semester if you have a disability and are requesting accommodations. It is your responsibility to self-disclose that you are requesting accommodations. The University and instructor will provide you with a reasonable accommodation. You should register with CU's Disability Services Office, located in the Athens campus Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center, Bottom Floor, across from the Campus Post Office. The Disability Services Office phone is 304-384-6086 or you can email the Director, Nancy Ellison, at nellison@concord.edu for assistance.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is morally unacceptable as well as destructive to the learning and teaching atmosphere. Academic dishonesty includes the giving or receiving of improper help on examinations or assignments, falsifying documents, and plagiarism (the act of stealing and using, as one's own, the ideas or the expression of the ideas of another). Such dishonesty can lead to a variety of penalties — including but not limited to failure of assignment, failure of course, loss of institutional privileges, or dismissal from the University. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.)

Concord University Honor Code

A Concord University Honor Code was approved by students, staff, faculty, administration, and the CU Board of Governors. The Code states:

"As a member of the Concord University Community I will act with honesty and integrity in accordance with our fundamental principles and I will respect myself and others while challenging them to do the same."

The Honor Code is intended to unite the Concord community behind a culture of honesty, integrity, and civility.

Class/Online Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is part of a student's academic obligation at Concord. Irregular attendance may affect academic performance adversely and is detrimental to the atmosphere of a class. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.)

Emergency Alert System

In an effort to increase safety and security on our campus, Concord University encourages everyone to register for instant text message alerts. Alerts will only be used for security and safety notices. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive text message alerts on their cell phones or email alerts. Please contact the IT Help Desk for further assistance (304-384-5291).

Emergency Information

Emergency/courtesy telephones are located at the main entrance of each residence hall and at various other locations on campus. Emergency telephones can be identified by the flashing blue light and will provide the user with a direct link to Public Safety at the press of a button. To report an on-campus emergency, call 304-384-5357 or 911. The Office of Public Safety is located on the bottom floor of the Rahall Technology Center. For further emergency information go to: <http://www.concord.edu/administration/office-public-safety>.

Inclement Weather Policy

As a general policy, the University will remain in normal operations during adverse weather conditions. In the event of severe weather conditions, the following may occur:

University Closure

No students or employees are to report.

Classes Cancelled

Students do NOT report BUT employees are expected to report to work at their normal time.

Operating on an Inclement Weather Delay

Under this schedule, all 8 a.m. classes will start at 10 a.m. Students and faculty will follow the Inclement Weather Schedule. (See <http://www.concord.edu/emergency-alerts> for Athens/Beckley Inclement Weather Schedules.)

**Announcements invoking the late schedule or other options referenced above are aired on area radio and television stations and are sent as text and email messages to those enrolled for this service.*

Student Conduct

In classrooms, online, laboratories, and during any activities that are part of course requirements, students are expected to observe reasonable rules of conduct.

Technology Services

Contact the CU Help Desk at extension 5291 from campus or 304-384-5291 off campus. You may also e-mail cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

Syllabus Disclaimer

"This syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class. Please check it regularly."