

South Plains College
Department of Fine Arts

Jazz Band

MUEN 1129,2129

Course Syllabus – Fall 2020

Meeting time

Monday/Wednesday 1:00pm-2:15pm, FA 114

Director

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Office hours

As posted on office door and on Blackboard

Objectives

Student musicians will develop and demonstrate sound ensemble playing skills and knowledge of the jazz idiom through rehearsal, study and performance of ensemble compositions in a variety of jazz styles.

Expectations

Students are expected to show up to all rehearsals/performances at the agreed upon time. Individual parts are to be prepared in the students' own practice time so that rehearsals are efficient and effective. Members of this ensemble are representatives of South Plains College and the Department of Fine Arts and as such shall adhere to all codes of conduct defined in the SPC student handbook.

Attendance

Unexcused absences will not be tolerated. If a student is unable to attend any Jazz Band rehearsal or performance, it is his or her obligation to notify the director as soon as possible.

Grading

Students will receive a grade based on their participation and preparation for bi-weekly rehearsals as well as scheduled performances.

Scholarships

Student participation scholarships are awarded to all students in this ensemble. As a requirement of this scholarship, students in the Jazz Band will also be enrolled in lessons at SPC on their primary instrument. Scholarship awards may be withdrawn if a student does not fulfill the obligations required of students in this ensemble or withdraws from the course prematurely.

****COVID 19 addendum SPRING 2021**

Due to efforts to reduce or prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus, alternative rehearsal and performance protocols may be implemented. These include but are not limited to: face and instrument coverings, socially distanced rehearsals, outdoor rehearsals/performances, sectional or limited attendance rehearsals, online rehearsals, digital or online performances, and recording projects.

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Spring 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

South Plains College Statements

SPC Disabilities Statement

Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

Diversity Statement

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth been within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 to initiate the process.

Concealed Carry Statement

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: (http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.