

WIND SYMPHONY

MUN 1140, 3143, 6145

1 Credit Hour

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Fall Schedule 2025

Rehearsals: M W - 7th - 8th period - SBH

Course Description: An ensemble of wind and percussion instruments performing traditional and contemporary wind band and chamber ensemble repertoire.

Course Objectives: To expand the knowledge of each student in reference to the wind band & chamber ensemble repertoire and to achieve an artistic level of ensemble performance.

Prerequisites: Audition

Learning Activities: Concert performances, rehearsals

Course Grading Requirements and Policies: Attendance is required at all classes. There are emergencies and circumstances whereby an excused absence may be granted. In order to be granted an excused absence, the student must:

- 1) receive approval by the instructor prior to the rehearsal
- 2) make sure that their part is covered, and
- 3) see that their folder makes it to rehearsal

These three steps **must be met** for the excused absence to be recorded by the attendance assistant.

Unexcused absences will lower the final grade automatically 1/2 a letter grade, i.e. ...1 unexcused = A to A-, 2 unexcused = A- to B, etc.

There will be multiple concerts this semester. Attendance at all concerts is required. Failure to attend a concert will adversely affect your grade for the class. There are no excused or unexcused absences the week of a concert.

Inasmuch as attendance plays an integral part in the grading process, it does not solely depend on it. It is understood that the student must prepare their part satisfactorily, attend sectional rehearsals if they are scheduled, and be prepared to perform their part at any time for the conductor. Absence from sectionals are treated the same as a class absence.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones should be away from your person/performance area in a case or bag in the off position (not just silent) during all rehearsals and performances.

Caveat: The above procedures and following schedule for this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Information about university-wide policies and resources can be found here:

<https://go.ufl.edu/syllabuspolices>

Fall 2025 Performance Dates:

September 2025:

Wednesday, September 17	1:55p – 3:50p	Dress Rehearsal in UA
Thursday, September 18	7:20p	Concert w/UF SB in UA

October 2025:

Wednesday, October 22	1:55p – 3:50p	Dress Rehearsal in UA
Thursday, October 23	7:20p	Full Concert in UA

December 2025:

Monday, December 3	3:00p	Full Concert in UA
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