

MUN 4642/6649 Music Theater Ensemble

RENT

Fall 2025

Course Meeting Time and Location: The course begins the first week of classes. Parts are disseminated within a few days. Students are required to begin practicing their scores and individual coaching is available. The full ensemble meets 17 times from approximately September 16 through October 30, 2022. The class time is 7:30 to 10:30 PM or 3.5 hours per rehearsal or performance depending of the running time of the musical. (See Fall 2022 schedule attached.)

Credit Hours: 1 credit

Instructor: Dr. Anthony Offerle

Instructor Office Location: School of Music: Room 343

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Course Description

This course provides an intermediate understanding of specific musical theatre instrumental styles and performance practices from the 1930s to the present. These styles include all forms of musical theatre genres from the classic musicals of George Gershwin and Cole Porter through Rodgers and Hammerstein and Lerner and Loewe, to the rock and contemporary styles of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lin Manuel Miranda. Each musical will incorporate a variety of these styles and technical requirements. Additionally, the class delivers knowledge of rehearsal and performance techniques and terminology unique to a musical theatre “pit” orchestra. This course is recommended for all musicians who would like to broaden their commercial music theater repertoire and enhance their skills for engagements with professional companies.

Prerequisites:

Audition required or by recommendation of faculty.

Course Objectives/Goals

Musical Theatre Instrumental Ensemble teaches skills essential to competing in the current music theatre industry from performing in a Broadway pit orchestra and touring shows to theme park engagements and cruise line orchestras. The course will provide students with the experience of performing in a variety of venues and spaces, reading charts and creating musical editions unique to a specific production, accompanying singers in a variety of formations both on and off-stage, and working with click-tracks and computer assisted arrangements.

The course develops professional rehearsal standards, etiquette, and the ability to work within a group.

EVALUATION:

Music/Score Preparation	40%
Participation/Attendance and Professional Conduct	30%
Final Project (Performances)	<u>30%</u>
	100%

Required Materials:

1. Musical Score (provided),
2. Individual instruments as assigned.

Final Exam: The Musical Theatre Instrumental Ensemble is a performing group. Students will be graded on their final public performance of the assigned repertoire in lieu of a written final exam.

ATTENDANCE/GRADING/ POLICY:

Professionalism, collegiality, and participation in each class period are important to the curriculum requirements of this course. Therefore, attendance and active engagement are required. Two late arrivals at a rehearsal are counted as one absence. Unless excused, each absence beyond one absence will result in a lowering of one letter grade. These two absences would be equivalent to missing a week of class. Excused absences are limited to medical illness documented by physician, family emergency documented by the appropriate person and religious holidays. You are responsible for all material missed. In the event of any absence, check the course syllabus and class schedule on the material covered.

NOTICE:

Rehearsals and performances are copyright protected and may not be recorded by any means. Lectures and notes given in this class are the property of the university/faculty member and may not be taped without prior permission from the lecturer and may not be used for commercial purpose. Students found to be in violation may be subject to discipline under the university's student conduct code. The above procedures and schedule in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Class Schedule:

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ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE

* Please note: Calls may be adjusted by 30 minutes for tech and dress rehearsals. Several weeks advance notice will be given. This is to achieve the most efficient use of our time.

DATE DAY	TIME	VENUE	CALLS (17 with full orchestra)	
Aug 21	Thursday	8:00 AM	MUB 353 or MUB Office	First Day of Classes Parts available (possibly Aug 11)
Aug 21-Sept 10	TBA	TBA	MUB 121	Sectionals/Individual music
September 5	Friday	3:00 – 6:00 PM	MUB 121	Orchestra Read Through
September 8	Monday	3:00 – 6:00 PM	MUB 121	Orchestra Read Through
September 21	Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 PM	MUB 101	Sitzprobe
September 30	Tuesday	8:00 – 9:30 AM	MUB /McGuire Constans	Load-in / Percussion and Keyboard Musicians Only
October 2	Thursday	6:30 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Wandelprobe
October 9	Thursday	7:00 – 11:00 PM	Constans	Orchestra Run / Sound Mixing
October 10	Friday	7:00 – 10:00 PM	Constans	Tech #5 with Orchestra
October 12	Sunday	7:30 – 10:30 PM	Constans	No Call , Orchestra is invited to watch Dress #1
October 13	Monday	7:30 – 11:00 PM	Constans	Dress #2 with Orchestra
October 14	Tuesday	7:30 – 11:00 PM	Constans	Dress #3 with Orchestra
October 15	Wednesday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #1 Opening Night
October 16	Thursday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #2

October 19	Sunday	1:45 – 5:00 PM	Constans	Performance #3 Matinée
October 20	Monday	No Show		
October 21	Tuesday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #4
October 22	Wednesday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #5
October 23	Thursday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #6
October 24	Friday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #7
October 25	Saturday	7:15 – 10:30 PM	Constans	Performance #8
October 26	Sunday	1:45 – 5:00 PM	Constans / MUB	Performance #9 Matinée / Strike Load-out

*** Note: 7:00 – 10:00 PM calls may be adjusted to 7:30 – 10:30 PM**

Academic Honesty

At the University of Florida every student signed the following statement: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for the University.” The instructor of this course fully endorses this statement and will not tolerate academic dishonesty. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing is subject to an automatic E and further disciplinary action. All violations of academic honesty will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action without exception. <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>

****If you are repeating this course at UF, please be aware that turning in any part of any written assignment that you submitted for this course in the past also constitutes academic misconduct. See “Scope and Violations” under the Honor Code above.**

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/student-honor-code.aspx>.

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