

Welcome to the CSB|SJU Symphonic Band! If you notice any problem with this syllabus, don't hesitate to contact me. For example, if we have a time conflict, perhaps we can still work it out.

Please encourage others to join Symphonic Band! If someone doesn't have an instrument, we may be able to supply an instrument. If someone hasn't played for a long time, they are still welcome to join!

Band Lockers: The music student worker will be present at our first rehearsal to assign band lockers. Please be prepared with either a \$2 semester fee or \$3 yearly fee for a locker if you choose to get one.
Thanks!

Dr. Bruce Thornton, Symphonic Band

Symphonic Band Syllabus

Symphonic Band (FA) MUSC 230 01A (1 Credit)

Symphonic Band MUSC 230 02A (0 Credits)

MWF, 1:00 PM - 1:55 PM, Instrumental Rehearsal Hall (D-040) in the BAC, CSB

Instructor: Bruce Thornton: (363-5606), BAC D-043, CSB

The Symphonic Band fulfills one Fine Arts requirement when taken for credit. Band members must be registered for one or zero credit, in order to participate.

Course Goals:

- *Enjoy exploring, rehearsing, and performing music.
- *Experience a variety of band compositions, transcriptions, and arrangements.
- *Develop teamwork in rehearsal and performance, with each band member contributing his/her best effort.

Grading:

*Based on attendance, participation, improvement, and effort displayed in rehearsals and performances. Leadership, teamwork, individual practice, sectional work, and a positive attitude all contribute to your grade evaluation.

Attendance/Participation Policy:

Everyone is depending on each other to improve and enjoy performing at their highest level. Please be ready to rehearse on time. With teamwork, we all realize exceptions happen and we must be patient and realistic with each other. Please make every effort to be ready to play at our start time.

For an excused or unexcused band rehearsal absence, band members should practice to keep pace with band progress as well as focusing on individual improvement. At times, Bruce will ask to meet with you individually for a music lesson. If you would like help, please ask for assistance.

If you find it necessary to miss band because of another class requirement or event, it helps to let Bruce know in advance. Please email Bruce explaining your situation and he can let you know if it qualifies as an excused absence. Excused absences will not lower your grade if all requirements are fulfilled. Missed time should be made up with individual practice or with a music lesson.

Having an unexcused - unexplained absence(s) may lower your grade.

An unexcused - unexplained absence for the concert will lower your grade and may prevent you from passing.

If you are unable to notify Bruce in advance due to sudden illness, unforeseen circumstances, family event or emergency, please email Bruce when possible. We can discuss the situation later.

Band Rehearsal Etiquette:

Respect for each other during rehearsal helps create a fabric of teamwork. Teamwork and rehearsal focus breaks down when members are texting, studying, and distractible. If a member fails to follow good etiquette, action will be taken.

Please have instruments in good playing condition, with reeds, oil, pencil, etc. Please email ASAP if you need an instrument or need help in getting your instrument ready. Don't hesitate to ask me for help with instrument repairs/problems/supplies/etc.

Symphonic Band Concert Schedule

Fall 2018

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band
October 17th, Escher Auditorium 7:30 pm

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band
December 5th, Escher Auditorium 7:30 pm

Spring 2019

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band
February 27th, Escher Auditorium 7:30 pm

Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band
May 1st, Escher Auditorium 7:30 pm

For each concert, we will make final plans for arrival and warm-up.

Usually, Symphonic Band Members choose to wear all black. Variations are discussed and created during band rehearsals.