**MUSI 0103-001: Symphonic Winds**
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**Office Hours:** By Appointment – This ensures I can give you the undivided attention you deserve. Please email me or talk to me after class to secure a time.

**Course Description**: The Symphonic Winds is open to all students by audition and presents concerts throughout the semester. Repertoire includes standard and new literature for large symphonic band, wind ensemble and chamber winds.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** The student will demonstrate a high level of competence in skills required to perform with other musicians in the large ensemble setting, i.e. matched tone and style, intonation, balance, and blend. The student will demonstrate the ability to respond to non-verbal performance instruction from the conductor. The student will demonstrate a high level of competence in technical aspects of performance, i.e., tone quality, articulation, pitch consistency, dynamic control, technical agility and accurate rhythmic concepts.

**Required Course Materials:** Each member is issued his/her own folder and music. Care should be taken to keep the music in good condition. It must be returned free of all rehearsal markings. Lost music is subject to fines up to the total replacement cost of the set.

Formal concert black attire is required of all members. For men, the requirements are: tuxedo coat and pants, white dress shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and black socks. For women, the requirements are: all black dress or black blouse and/or jacket with black skirt and black closed-toe shoes. Skirts or dresses must extend below the knees. All blouses, jackets and/or dresses must cover the shoulders and have full-length long sleeves.

**Course Requirements and Attendance Policy:** Members are expected to be at all rehearsals and in their seat 5 minutes before class begins warming-up. Members must notify the conductor via email in advance of any absences whenever possible. In case of last minute conflicts, members are expected to make every effort to notify the conductor before the rehearsal.

At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, attendance will be taken at each class meeting.

**Grading Policy:** Your grade is determined by a combination of your attendance, professionalism, music preparation and performance.

100% attendance is expected of all students. Members are expected to be at all rehearsals on time. On time means in your assigned seat no later than 5 minutes before the hour. Students with classes meeting until 12:20pm must notify the conductor at the start of the semester.

Members must notify the conductor via email (christopher.evans@uta.edu) in advance whenever possible of any upcoming absences or tardies. In case of last minute conflicts, members are expected to make every effort to notify the conductor before rehearsal.

Because an absence negatively affects the entire class, your grade is lowered one letter for each unexcused absence from any rehearsal. Two unexcused rehearsal tardies lowers your grade one letter. Absence from a performance may result in a failing grade for the semester. Excessive excused absences or tardies may also affect your grade. Examples of

excused absences include illness (with official medical documentation) or emergencies. Examples of unexcused absences include but are not limited to work, routine medical appointments, and non-emergency family events. At all times, the director will be the arbiter of what constitutes an excused absence.

Students are expected to attend the Wind Symphony campus concerts during the Spring. The full performance schedule is located at http://www.uta.edu/music/ensembles/bands/rehearsal-performance-calendar.php.

All students are expected to master all technical aspects of their assigned parts by the start of the fourth rehearsal of each concert cycle. Students may be tested on their parts in rehearsal or in a private session with the conductor at any time after the deadline in order to determine the music preparation component of their grade. In addition, students will have assignments due via Blackboard.

**Blackboard Assignments:** Students will be assigned playing tests on Blackboard in order to check progress on parts and provide feedback for self-improvement. In order to receive credit for the assignment, the following criteria must be met:

1. Students should provide a video recording where the student is visible.
2. An audible metronome at the appropriate tempo must be utilized.
3. The student must demonstrate a high level of proficiency on their music which includes, but is not limited to, appropriate tone, technique, intonation, and articulation.

Playing assignments are pass/fail only. If a student submits a video on time but it does not meet the minimum standard, the student can attempt the assignment as many times as needed, up until 1 week prior to the particular concert cycle where that music will be performed. Any assignments not initially submitted on time may not be accepted.

**Rehearsal Schedule*:** Symphonic Winds rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 2:20pm.
Weekly rehearsal repertoire and specific schedules will be posted outside FA 238 each Monday morning. Please be sure to check the schedule before rehearsal. Arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

**Performance Schedule***
Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:30pm @ Irons Hall
Thursday, April 26, 2018, 7:30pm @ Irons Hall

Call time will be 90 minutes prior to the beginning of the concert.

**Expectations for Out-of-Class Study**: Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional 3 hours per week of their own time in individual practice.

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance**. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (http://wweb.uta.edu/aao/fao/).

**Disability Accommodations:** UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA),* and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on

the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of **a letter certified** by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: **The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** www.uta.edu/disability or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) www.uta.edu/caps/ or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit uta.edu/eos.*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington ("University") is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit* www.uta.edu/titleIX or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or jmhood@uta.edu.

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

> *I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*
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> *I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at https://www.uta.edu/conduct/.

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students' anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit http://www.uta.edu/sfs.

**Final Review Week:** for semester-long courses**,** a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located on the SE or NW corner of the room. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

**Student Support Services**: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php.

**Emergency Phone Numbers**: In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381