

SFA Steel Band
MUP 139.011, 339.011
Monday/Friday: 1-1:50 PM
Music 124 - Percussion Studio

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Objective: The SFA Steel Band is designed to provide an exciting/intense musical setting for the student percussionist to develop Latin, world and popular musical styles of performance. In today's society development of these styles is invaluable for the career percussionist and educator. Performance on all pans is expected as well as drumset, Latin percussion & vocals. Developing improvisation skills, on pans and percussion, is an integral part of participating in the ensemble. Opportunities also exist for student arranging, rehearsing and directing.

Attendance: Is Mandatory! This is a performance organization that depends on the consistent attendance of its members, therefore only excused absences, at the discretion of the instructor, will be allowed (these might include health reasons - with a doctor's note, family emergencies, and/or student participation in certain University-sponsored events). The instructor must be notified ahead of time regarding any possible excused absences (except in emergency situations). Two or more unexcused absences will result in losing parts and ultimately, with repeated offenses, failing the course

- Unexcused Tardy at Rehearsals:
 - Half a Letter Grade Drop per offense
- Unexcused Absence at Rehearsal:
 - One Letter Grade Drop per offense
- Unexcused Absence or Tardy at a Dress Rehearsal or Performance:
 - Automatic Failure of Class

Grading: Assuming attendance is perfect, grading will be based on the following:

- Music Preparation - 50%:
This is done OUTSIDE of the ensemble rehearsal and includes practicing, marking/copying music & listening.
- Set-up Preparation - 25%:
Rehearsal starts at 1:00, therefore you should be set up at 1:00 (or as close as possible with regards to previous classes). This includes having all the materials you need for that day's rehearsal.
- General attitude and professionalism in rehearsals and performances - 25%.

Return of all original music in original condition is required at the end of the semester. Failure to return original music will result in an incomplete for the course until that music is returned (continued failure to return music will result in the student being financially responsible for that music).

Materials: A lot of energy and enthusiasm plus a PENCIL!!!!
DO NOT come to rehearsal without a pencil.
- Concert dress: Steel band shirts, Hawaiian Shirts, TBA

**Concerts/
Dress
Rehearsals** **Scare on the Square:** Sat., Oct. 26, 4-7pm
 PIP Dress Rehearsal: Tues., Dec. 3, 4-7pm
 PIP Concert: Tues., Dec. 3, 7:30pm

Bachelor of Music – Program Learning Outcomes – Ensemble Performance

Students will demonstrate comprehensive capabilities in rehearsing and preparing a high level performance in ensembles.

Student Learning Outcomes: MUP 139/339: SFA Steel Band (section 11)

1. Through rehearsal and performance, students will demonstrate the required technical facilities to meet the needs of artistic expression specific to the instrument/part assigned.
2. Through a variety of performance programs, students will be familiar with a thorough cross-section of steel band literature.
3. Through private practice, rehearsal and performance, students will demonstrate the practical application of theory and aural skills within a chamber music setting.
4. Through rehearsal and performance, students will demonstrate a working ability to sight-read on all instruments used in the ensemble.
5. Through individual solos, students will demonstrate the ability to improvise within the context of the specific form and piece.
6. Through rehearsal and performance, students will demonstrate the ability to communicate and work together without a conductor.
7. Through rehearsal and performance, students will learn how to listen and be familiar with their musical surroundings, and how to integrate their own part into that musical environment.
8. Through concert performance, students will learn how to successfully program a steel band concert with regard to both musical and logistical needs.
9. Through steel band participation, students will demonstrate the proper care, maintenance, and logistical requirements (set-up, transportation) for all instruments used.
10. Through individual arrangements, students (usually older, having been in group 2-3 years) will demonstrate the ability to arrange a song or work specifically for the steel band instrumentation. Students will also demonstrate a working knowledge of music writing software (finale) with these projects.

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to <http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/>.