

College of Central Florida
Patriot Blues Jazz Band Syllabus
M/W 3:30 – 4:45
Rm 4-122

Courses: MUN 1710

Credit Hours: 1

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PREREQUISITE: By permission of instructor.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This select ensemble performs music in the jazz repertoire that includes swing, bop, Latin, Fusion, pop, rock and funk styles. The goal of this course is to learn and perform varying styles of jazz/contemporary media and to understand the varying requirements of the professional ensemble in today's competitive market; and to garner more of an appreciation for the history of the art of the big band. The group may perform on and off campus for many diverse audiences. The course may be repeated for credit. Admission by permission; ability to read music is required and sight reading skill will be given preference; improvisational skills are highly desirable and there will be many opportunities for solos throughout the semester.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING: In order to provide all performers with an optimum rehearsal environment, musicians CANNOT be excused from rehearsals or performances – attendance is mandatory. Emergency absences that are beyond control (serious illness, family emergencies) will be considered on a case-by-case basis and can be ratified only by the instructor in advance. Direct communication with the instructor is essential; no other channel of communication will be accepted. Musicians should make an appointment to speak with the instructor at a time other than just before or just after a rehearsal.

Requests for excused absences for the purposes of audition, master class appearances or other special professional opportunities are to be made with the instructor in advance. The amount of flexibility present in accommodating such requests is directly related to the amount of advance notice given. Such circumstances within three weeks of the concert are generally denied.

In case of illness, musicians must make every attempt possible to contact Mr. Snider a minimum of one hour and a half (1.5) before a scheduled rehearsal and speak with him personally. A physician's note or documentation will be required immediately upon return—at the NEXT rehearsal.

Grades are based on the following criterion:

I. 20% - Preparation, Performance, and Positive Contribution

Members of the band will be expected to perform anything from their assigned book at every rehearsal; each chart in the book should be at a playable level (full tempo) the following week after it is passed out unless otherwise stated by the instructor, i.e. a particularly challenging chart.

II. 80% - Attendance at Rehearsals, Concerts, Performances and Final turn in day

Grading Scale:	90-100 %	A
	87-89%	B+
	80-86 % B	
	77-79%	C+
	70-79 % C	
	60-69 % D	
	< 59 %	F
	Academic integrity	FF

Absence from any dress rehearsal or performance, or three (3) unexcused absences, will result in a failing grade. Musicians who receive a failing grade must confer with the conductor to determine future membership status. Repetitive tardiness will result in letter grade drops on a case by case basis.

Unexcused Absences-----	Highest Course Grade
0	A
1	B
2	C
3	F

Behavior that interferes with the instructor or other members of the ensemble is unacceptable. Examples may include late arrival at rehearsal, talking during rehearsal or performance, being musically unprepared for rehearsal, or not having items necessary for rehearsal. An ensemble member is considered late when missing the initial downbeat of the rehearsal. Two tardies equal one absence.

REPLACEMENT OF MUSIC, INSTRUMENTS AND COLLEGE PROPERTY: Musicians involved with the College of Central Florida Program are provided with lease of music and equipment at no cost. If music, equipment, instruments or other items supplied by the college are lost, damaged or stolen, students will be charged a fee corresponding to the replacement cost or repair cost of those items. All items remain property of the College of Central Florida.

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE: Professional, males will be required to wear jackets for the final performance.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE: (subject to change)

February 22 through 24 – Marion County Honor Band
 February 28 through March 4 – New Orleans Trip
 April 19 – Stone Creek Fundraiser Event (formal)
 April 28 – Final Concert 7:30 PM (formal)

One other possibility is the Spring Fest out at Silver Springs. No other performances will be scheduled.

FINAL:

Each member is required to return his or her own book of music in person on the last meeting after the final performance. Failure to attend or bring in one's music will result in attendance deduction and/or restriction from joining the ensemble the following semester as well as a large fine for music lost.

College Policies

Academic Integrity – Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in an “FF” for the course as well as disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct. A student will be referred to an Academic Integrity Seminar. There will be a charge for this two-hour seminar, and attendance is required (see Student Handbook). Failure to attend the Academic Seminar may result in the assignment of a final course grade of “FF,” denoting course failure due to a violation of the college's Academic Integrity policy.

Access Services for Students with Disabilities – If you have a disability, serious medical condition, a learning or psychological disorder and want to request accommodations, it is your responsibility to register with the Office of Access Services and to provide verifiable documentation to Access Services as soon as possible. If eligible, Access Services will provide you with a notification of approved accommodations to give to your instructors at the beginning of the semester. Faculty will comply with the accommodations approved by Access Services. For information visit the Access Services webpage at <http://www.cf.edu/departments/sa/ss/access/>, contact access@cf.edu or call 352-854-2322, ext. 1209 for further information.

Equal Access/Equal Opportunity – College of Central Florida does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, marital status, national origin, genetic information or disability status in its programs, activities and employment. For inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies contact Carol W. Smith, Equity Officer, 3001 S.W. College Road, 352-854-2322, ext. 1437, or smithe@cf.edu.

Classroom Decorum – Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Disruptive students will be asked to leave the classroom. Continuous disruptive behavior will result in withdrawal from the course and disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct (see Student Handbook).

Withdrawal – If you want to withdraw from this class, you must fill out the necessary forms and have them signed by the appropriate parties. If you just stop coming to class after the posted drop date, you may receive the grade of F.

See <http://www.cf.edu/community/calendars/index> for specific important dates.

The college reserves the right to evaluate individual cases of non-attendance.

Students should be alerted to the fact that

- (1) withdrawals do not count in the CF GPA, but may not be viewed favorably at the university level or for financial aid
- (2) a withdrawal counts as an attempt under the forgiveness/withdrawal policy and the course repeat policy
- (3) there are increased costs to take the course on the third attempt
- (4) there may be a reason a withdrawal request may be denied.

Please see the College's withdrawal procedures.

College Preparatory Courses:

State law requires no more than three attempts TOTAL to complete all college preparatory (English, mathematics and reading) courses. Students registered in college prep courses who receive N grade must repeat the same course and complete it with a grade of C or better before they can register for other courses that require the successful completion of the prep as a requirement.

CF STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM- The CF Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a confidential resource for assisting students who may have personal problems which could affect their school, work, or home lives. SAP provides early intervention and professional assessment and counseling to best meet the needs of the student. Services are free to all active CF students.

The SAP is managed by BAY CARE LIFE MANAGEMENT, a health management organization. A student may call a toll free helpline during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:30AM-5:00PM. For crisis situations after hours, on weekends, or holidays a student may call the same number and the therapist on duty will be paged and will promptly respond to the call. For services a student may call the following toll free number: 1-800-878-5470

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