

COURSE SYLLABUS

MUSP 1250

Applied Commercial Music: Small Commercial Music Ensemble: Jazz

Commercial Music Program

Creative Arts Department

Technical Education Division

Levelland Campus

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

COURSE TITLE: MUSP 1250 Applied Commercial Music: Small Commercial Music  
Ensemble: Jazz

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I. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Course Description: Participation in a jazz ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.
- B. End of Course Learning Outcomes: Demonstrate rehearsal skills to include ensemble precision, intonation, sight-reading, sound, and style; demonstrate applicable repertoire; demonstrate appropriate improvisational ability; and present performance of prepared material.
- C. Academic Integrity: Refer to College Catalog p.23.
- D. SCANS and Foundation Skills: This course will provide the following SCANS skills: C-1,3,4,5,6,7,9,12,13,14,15,17,18,20; and the following foundation skills: F-1, 2, 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17. (Note: a complete list of SCANS competencies and foundation skills is located on the reverse side of the title page.)
- E. VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES: successful completion of this course will equip the students with the skills necessary to complete the Capstone Experience presented at the end of the fourth semester of study for degree candidates.

**Capstone Experience:** Students seeking the A.A.A. Degree or Certificate in Commercial Music must satisfactorily complete specific requirements 1] As a performer in a full-length televised public performance (music festival), and 2] by passing all applicable Barrier Exams.

These festivals occur twice a year (once at the completion of the fall and spring semesters).

II. SPECIFIC COURSE / INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Textbook and Other Materials: Handouts provided by instructor. Students need to bring handouts to every rehearsal. Students need to keep a folder of charts, as a significant part of their grade.
- B. Attendance/Tardiness Policy. The South Plains College attendance policy is stated in the General Catalog. Absence and tardiness degrade the effectiveness of a performing ensemble, so enthusiastic attendance is required. After 2 absences, each absence thereafter reduces your average by one letter grade. 4 successive

absences (2 weeks) will give the instructor grounds to drop the student with an X or an F, at the instructor's discretion. Students arriving after appointed class time are tardy. Students not ready to rehearse by 10 minutes after the class is scheduled to begin are tardy. The instructor will be the final arbiter of excused absences.

This course requires attendance of an additional 16 hours of supervised instruction. This may include the following:

Outside of school performances  
Additional scheduled rehearsals  
Audio for Video tracking in CB170  
Fest week attendance (5 hours per night)

- C. Assignment Policy. Assignments will consist of learning and rehearsing material chosen by the instructor. NOTE: Class time is ensemble rehearsal time. The student is expected to prepare individually, outside of class. The ensemble instructor will help in difficult areas, as will your private lesson instructor,

Students are required to keep a folder of all printed (and/or manuscript) materials received in ensemble class. Lesson activities related to the use of these materials may be a part of the course of study.

- D. Grading Policy/Procedure and/or methods of evaluation.

- 1) Attendance 20%
- 2) Folder 10%
- 3) Professionalism 20%
- 4) Musicianship 30%
- 5) Final Performance 20%

A daily grade based on item 1 and 2 will create an average for the student.

- E. "Students must represent South Plains College in an acceptable manner while on stage. Therefore, to ensure quality of student representation all ensemble students will be required to meet with instructor immediately prior to participating in any/all live performances to determine the "Performance Adequacy" of each student. If instructor(s) determine that any ensemble student is suspected to be under the influence of any medication, drug, alcohol, or unknown substance that would prohibit student from representing South Plains College in an acceptable manner, student will not be allowed to participate in ensemble performance."

- III. COURSE OUTLINE: Students will rehearse musical charts twice a week during normal class times. These charts will allow students the opportunity to learn and interpret various styles of music. Students will learn to read music, listen and interact with each other, and blend well with other musicians. The rehearsed pieces will be performed in such venues as required by the instructor.

- IV. ACCOMMODATIONS: South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment

opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age (SPC Equal Opportunity Policy--General Catalog).

### **Disabilities Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Consistent with the latest CDC recommendations, we have revised our guidance for students, faculty, and staff who have a known exposure or have tested positive. Anyone with a known exposure should wear a mask for 10 days and should seek a COVID-19 test on day five after exposure. If you test positive or develop symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate and seek a COVID-19 test. Please immediately notify your instructor, supervisor, and DeEtte Edens, Associate Director of Health and Wellness, any time you test positive for COVID-19. Anyone who tests positive is required to self-isolate for five days. Following the five-day isolation period, if you are asymptomatic or your symptoms are resolving, you may return to work or class but should wear a mask for five additional days. If you are still symptomatic, please contact DeEtte Edens at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376 prior to your return date.

### **Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness, Phone: 806.716.2362 Email: [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu)

### **Campus Concealed Carry Statement**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>  
Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College



