The Community Concert Band at St. Petersburg College (College Band MUN 1120, LLL AAP0930)

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Rehearsals and Performances

Rehearsals (Tuesdays 7-9 p.m.)
- August 14, 21, 28
- September 4, 11, 18, 25
- October 2, 9, 16, 23 (no rehearsal on the 31st)
- November 6, 13

Performances –
- Thursday September 13, 7:00 p.m. (Palladium)  
  Call Time 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday November 15, 7:00 p.m. (Boca Ciega HS)

Course Description
The Community Concert Band rehearses and performs quality concert band and wind ensemble literature. The ensemble is comprised of college music-majors, college non-music majors, community members, and advanced high school students. A placement hearing is required for acceptance into this ensemble.

Grades
Students taking this ensemble for credit can expect to earn a grade of “A” by completing the following.

1) Attending all rehearsals
2) Attending all performances, meeting announced call times.
3) Full participation
4) 100% completion of online assignments.

Grades will be lowered in the following situations.

- Each unexcused absence results in one letter grade drop of the final grade. (i.e. 1 – B, 2 – C, 3 – D, 4 – F)
- Failure to complete 100% of online assignments result in one letter grade drop of the final grade.
- Tardy from a performance call time results in a one letter grade drop of the final grade.
- Absences from a performance results in a final grade of ‘F’.
- Each tardy for a rehearsal, after two, results in half a letter grade drop per tardy.

Online Assignments (Optional)
Students taking this ensemble for credit must complete all online assignments which give additional information about course repertoire, composers, and arrangers.

Performance Attire
Men: Black tuxedo (coat, pants, white tux shirt, cummerbund, bow tie). The college will provide one if necessary. Black dress-shoes and black socks must be provided by the students. Tuxedoes are to be returned at the end of the semester. Missing or damaged parts of the tux will be the student’s financial responsibility.

Women: Long black dress or black dress pantsuit, black or white accessories.
Music and Folders
Music, a folder, and a storage slot for the folder will be assigned to each musician. Musicians must return all music and folders at the end of the semester. **Students who do not return original parts will need to replace them at the cost of $8.00 per part. Students who do not return a folder will need to replace it at the cost of $20.00 per folder.**

Instrument Usage
Musicians are encouraged to use their own instruments. If an instrument is needed, the college will provide one if available. A student may arrange to check out an instrument in HS 118 and is responsible for its return in good condition.

Scholarships
Scholarships are available to Band students who apply for them in HS 118, based upon eligibility, available funds, musicianship, need, and overall contribution to the Band. Scholarship money is granted towards the end of the semester, and students must complete attendance and performance requirements to receive. (Must meet college eligibility criteria.)

Attendance
Attendance and punctuality is vital for successful rehearsals and respect to members of the ensemble. **Rehearsals will start promptly at 7 p.m. So schedule your time accordingly to be ready to play at 7.** Grades are affected by absence and tardiness (listed above). Members should make any schedule conflicts known the director ASAP both by written notice (e-mail preferred) and in person. The director must confirm whether an absence is excused or not, prior to the missed rehearsal. Those participating for non-credit can be dismissed for excessive absence and tardiness.

Music Major Empowerment Sessions
Those enrolled in the ensemble for credit may participate in weekly individual empowerment sessions. This leadership program promotes character development, advanced time management skills, people skills, and special projects. Students will aid in creating a customized plan that promotes personal life balance and achievement of personal and ensemble goals.

Lockers
Lockers are available for instrumental music students in ensembles or applied music. Check with SPC staff in HS 118 for help in securing a locker.

Lessons
Band members are strongly encouraged to take lesson from an SPC applied music instructor. Most band members take lessons, and band concerts are planned assuming that students have a teacher to help with their parts. Inquire with staff in HS 118. Scholarship assistance is available to help with the expense of SPC lessons.

Course Objectives
1. To learn and perform high-quality concert band and wind ensemble literature of a breadth of periods and styles.
2. To develop musicianship and ensemble playing skills including: realization of notated music from the Western art music tradition, technique, balance, blend, intonation, phrasing, and the overall art of musical performance.
3. The positive group dynamics that are experienced through progressive achievement of worthwhile mutual goals.
4. The enjoyment of musical expression.
5. To represent St. Petersburg College and its Music Department well.
**Syllabus Addendum**

In the event that topics listed in this addendum also appear in your syllabus, please note that you should rely on the addendum information as this information is the most current.

**IMPORTANT COLLEGE POLICY REGARDING COURSE DROP ADD PERIOD AND AUDIT INFORMATION**

Students CANNOT add a course following the first day the class meets. Students CAN drop a course during the first week of class and be eligible for a refund. (See a counselor/advisor to finalize your schedule, so you won't be left without the classes you want or need). Students may not change from credit to audit status after the end of the first week of classes.

**GRADING AND REPEAT COURSE POLICIES**

State policy specifies that students may not repeat a college credit course for which a grade of “C” or higher has been earned except by appeal to the campus Academic Appeals committee. Students may repeat a college credit course one time without penalty. At the third attempt, students will pay the full cost of instruction.

In addition, at the third attempt students may NOT receive a grade of “I,” “W,” or “X,” but must receive the letter grade earned. This grade will be averaged into the overall grade point average.

**ATTENDANCE/ACTIVE PARTICIPATION/WITHDRAWAL POLICIES**

Each instructor must exercise professional judgment to determine if a student is actively participating in class. Faculty will publish their own personal participation/attendance policies in their syllabi. This policy will be used to determine grades. Students who are not actively participating in class as defined in an instructor’s syllabus will be reported to the Administration during the week following the voluntary withdrawal date. Instructors will verify that students are in attendance during the first two weeks of class. Students classified as “No Show” for both of the first two weeks will be administratively withdrawn for any class which they are not in attendance. Their financial aid will be adjusted based on the updated enrollment status. Immediately following the 60% point of the term, each instructor will verify which students are actively participating in class as defined in the course syllabus. Students classified as not meeting the criteria for active class participation will be administratively withdrawn with a “WF.” Students will be able to withdraw themselves at any time during the term. However, requests submitted after the 60% deadline will result in a “WF.” Students and instructors will automatically receive an email notification through their SPC email address whenever a withdrawal occurs. Withdrawing after the “Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of ‘W’” (see Academic Calendar below) can have serious consequences. If the student withdraws from a class after the deadline posted in the academic calendar, the student will receive a final grade of ‘WF,’ which has the same impact on the student’s GPA as a final grade of ‘F.’ A ‘WF’ grade also could impact the student’s financial aid and cause the student to repay some of their financial assistance. If the student is thinking about withdrawing from a class now, the student should consult with an academic advisor or financial assistance counselor first to be sure they understand all the possible outcomes of this decision.

**FEDERAL GUIDELINES RELATED TO FINANCIAL AID AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE**

http://www.spcollege.edu/central/SSFA/HomePage/hdiasbs.htm

The U.S. Department of Education requires students who completely withdraw prior to the 60% point of the term from all classes who have received Federal financial aid, i.e., Federal Pell Grant, Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal Stafford Loan, and/or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) to repay a portion of their financial aid. The law requires the college to refund to the Department of Education the percentage of financial aid which is determined the student did not earn based on the Return of Title IV (R2T4) formula. The student may also be required to repay funds to the College if they are identified as not actively participating in all of their classes, or if they do not receive at least one final passing grade (D or higher) for the term. Should the student be considering totally withdrawing from all classes before the published withdrawal date, it is important that the student consult a financial assistance counselor on their home campus to understand their options and the consequences of total withdrawal.
withdrawal. For further information regarding this policy and other financial assistance policies we encourage you to visit our website at: www.spcollege.edu/getfunds

DUAL ENROLLMENT, EARLY ADMISSIONS, & EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS
A Dual Enrollment, Early Admissions, or Early College student may not withdraw from any college level course without consultation with the Early College/Dual Enrollment office. Withdrawal from a course may jeopardize the student’s graduation from high school. The Dual Enrollment office can be reached at 727 712-5281 (TS), 727 791-5970 (CL) or 727 394-6000 (SE). http://www.spcollege.edu/central/de/index.htm

ACADEMIC HONESTY
St. Petersburg College has an Academic Honesty policy. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the policies, rules, and the consequences of violations. There is no tolerance for cheating and academic dishonesty. Discipline can range from a zero on a specific assignment to expulsion from the class with a grade of F. Note that copy/pasting published information, whether it’s from your textbook or the Internet, without citing your source is plagiarism and violates this policy. Even if you change the words slightly the ideas are someone else’s so you still have to cite your sources. Cheating, plagiarism, bribery, misrepresentation, conspiracy, and fabrication are defined in Board Rule 6Hx23-4.461. Student Affairs: Academic Honesty Guidelines, Classroom Behavior. http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/catalog/current/stu_affairs_honesty.htm

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS
All electronic devices such as cell phones, beepers, pagers, and related devices are to be silenced prior to entering the classroom, library, and laboratories to avoid disruption. Use of any device in these areas is a violation of College Policy and subject to disciplinary action. College computers are intended for academic work. Inappropriate use of computers during class time is prohibited. Students should understand that they may be required to use the Internet for some courses. Furthermore, students may be required to have discussions of class assignments and share papers and other class materials with instructors and classmates via chat rooms and other mechanisms. Therefore, Internet users may be able to access students’ work whether the access is secured or unsecured. The College cannot protect students from the type of materials on the Internet or the potential piracy of students’ materials. Each student’s behavior in the classroom or Web course is expected to contribute to a positive learning/teaching environment, respecting the rights of others and their opportunity to learn. No student has the right to interfere with the teaching/learning process, including the posting of inappropriate materials on chat room or Web page sites. The instructor has the authority to ask a disruptive student to leave the classroom, lab, or Web course and to file disciplinary charges if disruptive behavior continues.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
In the event that a hurricane or other natural disaster causes significant damage to St. Petersburg College facilities, you may be provided the opportunity to complete your course work online. Following the event, please visit the college Web site for an announcement of the College’s plan to resume operations.

Students should familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures and evacuation routes located in the buildings they use frequently. Located in each classroom is an Emergency Response Guide (flip-chart) that contains information for proper actions in response to emergencies. Students should be prepared to assess situations quickly and use good judgment in determining a course of action. Students should evacuate to assembly areas in an orderly manner when an alarm sounds or when directed to do so by college faculty or staff or emergency services personnel. Students may access additional emergency information by going to www.spcollege.edu/security. In face to face courses your instructor will review the specific campus plans for emergency events.

CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY
For information on campus safety and security policies please contact 727 791-2560. If there are questions or concerns regarding personal safety, please contact the Provost, Associate Provost, Campus Security Officer, or Site Administrator on your campus http://www.spcollege.edu/central/campussecurity/
SEXUAL PREDATOR INFORMATION
Federal and State law requires a person designated as a “sexual predator or offender” to register with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The FDLE is then required to notify the local law enforcement agency where the registrant resides, attends, or is employed by an institution of higher learning. Information regarding sexual predators or offenders attending or employed by an institution of higher learning may be obtained from the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the particular campus by calling the FDLE hotline (1-888-FL-PREDATOR) or (1-888-357-7332), or by visiting the FDLE website at http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS
If you wish to request accommodations as a student with a documented disability, please make an appointment with the Learning Specialist on campus. If you will need assistance during an emergency classroom evacuation, please contact your campus learning specialist immediately about arrangements for your safety. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities can be reached at 791-2628 or 791-2710 (CL and EPI), 341-4758 (SP/G), 394-6289 (SE), 712-5789 (TS), 341-3721 (HEC) or 341-4532 (AC), 341-7965 (DT). http://www.spcollege.edu/dr/

OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES:

COLLEGE CALENDAR
http://www.spcollege.edu/calendar/

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
http://www.spcollege.edu/Central/Career/OCDS/index.shtm

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
http://www.spcollege.edu/internationalstudents/

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTERS
http://www.spcollege.edu/spg/lsc/

NEW INITIATIVE CENTER (NIP)
http://www.spjc.edu/hec/nip/

DOWNTOWN LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER and STUDY HALL
http://www.spcollege.edu/downtown/campus/tutoring.htm
Instructional Continuity Plan
Emergency Preparedness Procedures for Faculty

The College realizes that it is possible for a significant natural disaster to compromise SPC campus facilities sufficiently to disrupt the delivery of classes on campus(es) for an extended period of time, and is planning ways our operations can continue following such an emergency.

1. Faculty will be prepared by completing *MyCourses for Faculty Certification* prior to teaching in any delivery mode. This will ensure all faculty are able to use the learning management system for continuation of learning activities.

2. Online courses will continue as normal.

3. Blended courses will continue with faculty adding online instructional activities to substitute for in-class activities.

4. For courses taught in the classroom, if a Standard Course is available, a copy of the course will be made and all faculty who teach the course on-ground will be enrolled to allow them to pull instructional activities into their sections.

5. If a Standard Course is not available but a fully-online version of the course is currently taught, the dean will identify the course to serve as the temporary Standard, a copy of the course will be made and all faculty who teach the course on-ground will be enrolled to allow them to pull instructional activities into their sections.

6. Practical and internships will be suspended until partner organizations are open.

7. If a course is not appropriate for online delivery (clinical, art classes, studio music, etc.) an email will be sent to all students enrolled in the course via MyCourses stating:

   In the event that a hurricane or natural disaster causes closure of St. Petersburg College facilities, you may not be provided the opportunity to complete your work online due to the hands-on requirements of this course. Your faculty member will notify you if there are options for completing this course work at an alternate location.