MUP 139/339: SAXOPHONE QUARTET
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Rehearsal Times: Arranged

Course Description:
MUP 139/339 One credit = 1 hour coaching per week and arranged group rehearsals outside of that to prepare for the coaching. The amount of rehearsal is highly variable and will be determined by the long-term goals of the group.

Course Objectives:
Upon completion of Saxophone Quartet study at Stephen F. Austin State University, each student will be able to demonstrate:

• knowledge of a broad spectrum of chamber repertoire for saxophone,
• a thorough understanding of small ensemble rehearsal techniques,
• an ability to explain interpretational, non-verbal conceptions/thoughts of music in a cogent and pedagogically sound, verbal manner.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Practice/Rehearsal Policy:
Students are expected to practice their weekly chamber repertoire assignments, and to arrive at rehearsals warmed up, with instrument assembled. It is disrespectful to the other members to do otherwise.

Performance:
It is expected that each saxophone quartet will have at least one culminating performance per semester. The piece will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor, and the performance may be on convocation, studio recital or some other on campus event.

Attendance Policy:
Punctual attendance is expected at all rehearsals and coachings. Unexcused absences for will result in a ZERO for the weekly grade, and these will NOT be made up. Two unexcused absences will result in lowering the final semester grade by one letter. Each subsequent absence will lower the final grade by an additional letter. Rehearsals or coachings missed because of illness, family emergency, or university functions may be excused if the instructor has been notified ahead of time by phone or email and with an accompanying medical excuse in case of illness. Coachings missed due to
an excused absence will be scheduled at the instructor's discretion and convenience.

**GRADING POLICY**

Grades will be determined through preparedness for rehearsals and coachings as well as the outcome of the culminating performance of the group.

**OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES**

**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.

*Important note for MUP 139/339: If a student has not returned materials borrowed from the instructor by the end of the semester, he or she will receive a WH until those materials are returned. If these materials are lost, they must be replaced at the student's own expense.*

**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](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Accommodating 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/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/)