



MUEN 2121-270C3
COM Concert Band
Fall 2024
Monday 7:30-10:20, F-117

INSTRUCTOR: Matthew Raines, Professor; mraines1@com.edu. Please leave a callback number if I do not answer in person. 409-933-8961. You may use the D2L messaging system or my email listed above.

Communicating with your instructor: All electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share information about class performance through other electronic means.

OFFICE: Fine Arts F-123

Required Textbook/Materials:
Music will be distributed at first meeting

Course Description: This is a weekly rehearsal for a Concert Band that has been serving this community for decades. Students should have their own instruments. The group provides a great community ensemble experience. The literature is drawn from the ever-expanding COM concert band catalog, including Concert Band standards and modern compositions written specifically for this group.

Course requirements: weekly rehearsals and at least one concert

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:

Rehearsal attendance	50%
Concert attendance	50%

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy: The student is responsible for making arrangements with the instructor for possible make-up lessons.

Attendance Policy: Students at College of the Mainland are expected to attend every session of all classes for which they are registered. Any absence or late arrival potentially lowers your grade.

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Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1.Learn to perform correct rhythms.	Critical Thinking Skills	Performance
2.Perform pitches with good intonation	Critical Thinking Skills	Performance
3. Learn to perform with dynamic control.	Communication Skills	Performance
4 Students will increase their knowledge of guitar literature	Social Responsibility	Performance
5.Gain the ability to perform with other musicians in concert	Teamwork	Performance

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty, such as cheating on exams, is an extremely serious offense. It will result in a grade of zero on that exam, and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the provided contact information. If you continue to have questions after discussing your situation, please contact Dr. Kristina Jantz, Fine Arts Department Chair at kjantz@com.edu or 409-933-8255.

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Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v2.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor’s professional judgment of the quality of the student’s work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

Academic Success & Support Services: The college of the Mainland is committed to providing students with the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations should contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is in the Student Success Center.

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending the College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason before the last eligible day for a “W” grade. Before withdrawing, students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students can withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is October 11. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is November 28. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is December 7.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in failure cases *due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities and has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are critical to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they have difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs, including food and housing, or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here : <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.