

GENERAL MUSIC – COURSE #5501

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Grading Procedures

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50% - Attendance and Participation

It is possible to receive a total of four points each day in this category. Two points will be awarded for having the required classroom materials and supplies (notebook, pen, pencil, etc...) and two points will be awarded for adequate participation in the classroom environment.

At the end of each week, a single grade out of 20 possible points (4 points multiplied by 5 days a week) will be entered into the grade calculation to reflect student's class preparation and participation. Unexcused absence from class (cutting) will automatically result in loss of these daily points (in addition to appropriate disciplinary action).

20% - Written Examinations and Special Projects

Several written exams will be administered throughout the semester which contain course materials previously evaluated in the form of quizzes and homework checks. Special projects may include basic musical compositions, brief classroom presentations, notebook checks, and/or other related content. Written examinations and special projects will always be announced at least one week in advance and detailed instructions will be provided by the instructor so that students may adequately prepare.

30% - Quizzes, Homework, and Homework Checks

Very brief quizzes will commonly be administered at the beginning of the class period to assure that materials from the previous class and/or homework assignments are being reviewed regularly by the student. These assessments may be announced or unannounced. On rare occasions, students may also be permitted to use their notebooks as a resource during such quizzes.

This grading policy is organized so that all general music students may acquire the most complete, well-rounded music education possible during their time within the class. The instructor reserves the right to make alterations, additions, or deletions within this grading policy as he sees appropriate. In the case of a grading policy change, all students will receive an updated copy, in writing, of the policy.