

## **SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

### ***MUN 1460, MUN 3463, MUN 6010***

2025-2026 Academic Year – Spring Syllabus

Rehearsals: Saxo Band meets Wednesday, 6th Period; Quartets will meet at times TBA

Location: Saxo Band meets in MUB 121; Quartet locations TBA

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The saxophone chamber music program at the University of Florida provides the student with the opportunity to work with a small number of other musicians to create art in a chamber music setting. The course includes the following components:

**Rehearsals** with Dr. Helton, or with a Graduate Assistant, will take place regularly. Instruction will focus on techniques that will enable the ensemble to progress most efficiently. Particular emphasis will be placed on musical aspects of chamber performance: shaping lines, intonation, musical communication and ensemble performance.

**Concerts** will take place one or two times per semester. You must be present at all required concerts in order to pass the class. Concert dates will be posted on Canvas.

### **OBJECTIVES**

At the conclusion of this course the student should have an increased awareness of the challenges and rewards of rehearsing and performing chamber music. The student should have a specific knowledge of performing in the areas of repertoire, rehearsal techniques, and performance practices.

### **MATERIALS**

Music will be provided by the instructor from his personal library and from the saxophone studio library. Instruments (sopranino, soprano, tenor, baritone and bass) may be available from the School of Music. The student will be responsible for the purchase of reeds and mouthpieces, if required.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance at rehearsals, concerts, and recording sessions is integral to the ensemble and is required. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

### **MATERIALS AND SUPPLY FEE**

MUN 1460: \$155; MUN 3463: \$115

### **COURSE EVALUATION**

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

## **EVALUATION**

**Final grade for the course will be based on the following:**

Preparation for rehearsals/coachings/performances 34%

Attendance at rehearsals 33%

Required performances and recording sessions 33%

PLEASE NOTE: You cannot receive a grade higher than a C if you miss the final performance. Please plan ahead and make every effort to complete the course. If you need a note from me so you can take an assembly exam in another class at a different time, contact me early in the semester so arrangements can be made.

### **Grading Scale:**

94-100 A

91-93 A-

88-90 B+

84-87 B

81-83 B-

78-80 C+

74-77 C

71-73 C-

68-70 D+

61-67 D

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES SUMMARY**

You must be prepared for rehearsals (includes having necessary equipment).

You must be able to play your assigned parts at rehearsals.

You must attend rehearsals.

You must attend required performances and recording sessions.

Concert dates and recording sessions will be announced in class.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

To support consistent and accessible communication of university-wide student resources, the university has collected information on Academic Policies, Academic Resources, and Campus Health and Wellness Resources together at this link: <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>