

Kenyon College
Fine Arts
Department of Music

Kenyon Brass Ensemble
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Spring 2019 Syllabus

Rehearsal Time and Location

- Mondays at 4:00-5:40pm, Waite Rehearsal Hall

Course Description

- This course involves the study and performance of music composed or arranged for brass quintet. This includes a variety of musical styles from various historical periods.

Course Objectives

- To perform outstanding literature written for brass quintet.
- To achieve higher levels of musicianship and performance through the medium of brass chamber music.
- To obtain a better understanding of how to play in a chamber ensemble.
- To develop independent critical listening skills and sensitivity to ensemble balance and blend.
- To encourage personal responsibility for the preparation of parts prior to rehearsal.

Text and Materials

- Music and appropriate training materials will be used from the music library and the director's personal collection.

Teaching and Learning Methods

- Expectations of this course include:
 - 100 minutes of weekly ensemble rehearsal.
 - Personal and/or group rehearsal outside of the class period is strongly encouraged.
 - Perform 1 recital and/or performance of a significant work at Kenyon or in the community.
 - Seek out interesting and appropriate literature to perform.

Grading

- Grades will be based on attendance, participation, and evidence of individual preparation. It is expected that individual parts be practiced and learned outside of the full-group rehearsal. Prompt attendance at all rehearsals and performances is expected, and absences must be communicated to everyone in the group, including Mr. Smith, well in advance (at least 24 hours if possible).

Course Policies and Procedures Lesson Attendance

- Attendance is required for all members of the quintet. In the event a rehearsal will be missed due to illness, unexpected emergency, or conflict with a university event, please notify Mr. Smith in advance of the rehearsal whenever possible.
- If you need to miss class due to an observance of a religious holiday, please notify Mr. Smith in advance.

Syllabus Disclaimer

- The instructor views the course syllabus as an educational contract between the instructor and students. Every effort will be made to avoid changing the course schedule but the possibility exists that unforeseen events will make syllabus changes necessary. **The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as deemed necessary.** Students will be notified in a timely manner of any syllabus changes face-to-face, or via email.

Disability Statement

- If you have specific, physical, psychiatric or learning disabilities and require accommodations, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. In compliance with Kenyon College's policy and equal access laws, I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that you may require as a student with disability. Requests for academic accommodations need to be made during the first week of the semester, except for unusual circumstances, so arrangements can be made. Students need to provide documentation of disability to the Student Accessibility and Support Services (located on the third floor of Pierce Dining Hall) for disability verification and for determination of reasonable academic accommodations.

Responsible Employee Statement

- Kenyon College seeks to provide an environment that is free of gender bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you have experienced sexual harassment/misconduct/assault, interpersonal violence, or stalking we encourage you to report it. If you report the incident to a faculty member, they must notify Kenyon's Title IX coordinator of any information about the incident you provide. Kenyon College's Title IX and Intimate Partner Violence Policy is available at:
<https://www.kenyon.edu/directories/offices-services/ocr/title-ix-vawa/>

Spring 2019 Class Cancellation Schedule:

- March 4th (Spring Break)
- March 11th (Spring Break)

Spring 2019 Performance Schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- To Be Announced
 - Other dates may be added based upon requests from the community and/or Kenyon College.