

Independent Study (MUSI 4199)

Term: Spring/2026

Course Times: 12:20-1:15

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Office Hours: Th 12:00-3:00pm & by appointment)

Course Dates: MWF

Course Overview

To enhance musicianship and develop professionalism through the process of rehearsal and performance of a diverse repertoire of the highest caliber.

Student Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- Develop professional skills which will serve you in your career and synthesize musical skills from across the School of Performing Arts.
- Participate in a collaborative environment built upon respect and trust. It is expected that you be present and on time. Being proactive and communicative are necessities.
- We rehearse to discover, not to practice. Successful rehearsals are dependent upon everyone's collective personal investment. You are responsible for preparing your assigned parts outside of rehearsal.

Required Textbooks and Readings

- **All music is provided by the Department of Music. Lost or misplaced music should be reported to Dr. Scott and the Band Librarian ASAP in order to replace it.**

Special Course Notes:

- **Alternate Locations:** We will meet in the Vaughn Auditorium for dress rehearsals and concerts.

Course Structure

- Two concert cycles split the semester in half. Collage Concert in March.
- Part assignments will be rotated between pieces and concert cycles.

Ensemble Community

1. It is my hope that Symphonic Band will serve as a safe and nurturing community both musically and socially. Dr. Scott's role is to facilitate community and musical growth; your role is to invest in the community through the pursuit of growth.
2. Meet & Greet: I would like to get to know you better! Please email me to schedule a one-on-one meet & greet (optional).

Communication

- Individual Meeting: If you would like to meet with me individually for any reason, please email me multiple available times, and we will find a time of mutual agreement.
- Coaching: If you would like additional assistance on ensemble repertoire, audition material, etc. please email me multiple available times, and we will find a time of mutual agreement.
- Recommendations: I am happy to write you a letter of recommendation! Please notify me at least 14 days before the due date of letter. In your email request, please include where the letter should be sent, details of position/award/etc., the due date, and any other pertinent information.

Concert Dress

- Option 1: Black suit, black dress shirt, black tie, black socks, black close-toed shoes
- Option 2: Black full-length dress, black socks/stockings, black close-toed shoes. No bare shoulders or midriff.
- Option 3: Black jacket and black dress shirt, blouse, or sweater. Black pants, black socks, black close-toed shoes.
- Water bottles: If you choose to bring a water bottle on stage, please ensure that it is not a "loud" color or a loud noisemaker.

Graded Course Requirements Information

- Unexcused absences from rehearsals will reduce your grade by one letter per absence.
- Unexcused absences from dress rehearsals and performances will reduce your grade to an F.
- Arriving late to rehearsals is below our standard of professionalism. Every two late arrivals will reduce your grade by one letter. (e.g., 2 absences will lower an "A" to a "B", 4 absences will lower an "A" to a "C")
- University events, auditions, religious obligations, and other educational conflicts may be excused. Please communicate these conflicts one week in advance, if possible.
- If you are sick or have an emergency, please contact Dr. Scott directly via email. Health and wellness are priorities within our community.

Grading Scale

- A - (90% or higher)
- B - (80 - 89%)
- C - (70 - 79%)
- D - (60 - 69%)
- F - (Below 60%)

University Policies & Student Resources:

- [University Policy](#)
- [Student Resources](#)

Performance Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, in Vaughn Auditorium, 7:00pm, SB/WE Concert

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 26, 2026, in Vaughan Auditorium, regular class time

American Riversongs, Pierre LaPlante

Sheltering Sky, John Mackey

Chorale and Alleluia, Howard Hanson

Jurassic Park, John Williams

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026, in Vaughn Auditorium, 7:00pm, Collage Concert

Dress Rehearsal: Monday, March 23, 2026, in Vaughn Auditorium, 5:00pm, outside of regular class time

Zoom, Scott Boerma

THURSDAY, April 23, 2026, in Vaughan Auditorium, 7:00pm, SB/WE Concert with Caldwell Arts Academy

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in Vaughn Auditorium, regular class time

Title TBD (new commission), Connor Wooley

Semper Fidelis, John Philip Sousa

Dusk, Steven Bryant

Third Suite, Robert Jager

+ side by side pieces with Caldwell Arts Academy

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For this course, AI is encouraged during the course, and appropriate acknowledgment is expected.

Example 1: I encourage you to explore using artificial intelligence (AI) tools, such as ChatGPT, for all assignments and assessments. Any such use must be appropriately acknowledged and cited, following the guidelines established by the APA/MLA/Chicago Style Guide, including the specific version of the tool used. The submitted work should include the exact prompt you used to generate the content and the AI's complete response as an appendix.

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