

## **MUSI 114 Band Montana Tech**

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**Synopsis:** The Montana Tech Band is provides a performing outlet for all interested Montana Tech woodwind, brass and percussion players. The band explores a wide variety of repertoire to address the diverse interests and desires of its student population and the enjoyment of the audience. The band practices once per week and performs at 4 to 6 athletic events and gives one major concert each semester. In addition the band provides music for graduation and other events during the academic year (inauguration, reunions, etc.).

### **Membership:**

Open to all woodwind, brass, and percussion players that have had high school instrumental music experience. Students must be able to read music. No audition is required for participation in the band.

### **General Education Core** (pending approval)

MUSI 114 may be repeated up to 8 times. A maximum of three credits MUSI 114 may be applied towards fulfilling Montana Tech's Humanities/Fine Arts General Education requirement.

### **Course Purpose**

Performance-based music courses provide a unique and personal means of understanding music. Band members will study wind ensemble repertoire from a wide range of musical traditions. As they study, they will grow in their understanding of music and in their ability to perform at a high artistic standard.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Participate in public performances of wind literature.
2. Develop the ability to perform wind ensemble repertoire at a high artistic level.
3. Increase a student's knowledge of wind repertoire.
4. Participate in a group learning experience characterized by positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.
5. Contribute positively to the campus and the community.

### **Student Assessment**

Attendance at sectionals, rehearsals and performances is the foundation for the success of the band. Grades will be based on your participation in each. The following is offered as a guideline for participation in the band program and how a student's effort, attitude and performance will affect their grade:

An "A" student:

1. Shows strong leadership and high interest
2. Displays progress and self-improvement
3. Contributes positively to the ensemble both in and outside of rehearsals
4. Leads by example with integrity and character

A "B" student:

1. Is prompt, attentive and alert
2. Shows improvement
3. Contributes positively during rehearsals
4. Assumes responsibility

A "C" student:

1. Displays erratic rehearsal behavior
2. Shows moderate effort to learn or improve
3. Contributes minimally to band activities

A "D" student:

1. Shows little effort
2. Displays little responsibility
3. Is uncooperative or disruptive

An "F" student:

Has failed in all aspects of the group musical experience.

***A student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade beginning with the third unexcused absence*** and lowered an additional letter grade for each additional absence. The end of the semester band concert is the equivalent of a final exam in other courses, thus a student will fail the course for an unexcused absence from the concert.

### **Schedule**

One practice per week - Wednesday 7 to 9pm.

Four to six performances at Athletic Events - TBA

One Major Concert