Arizona State University Pan Devils Steel Band

MUP 385 11353 / 585 12348
Spring 2015
1 Unit
Tuesday/Thursday 4:30pm – 5:45pm
Location: Music WB10
Prerequisite: Ability to read music

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Course Description
Students will learn steel drum (aka steel pan or pan) technique and music through performance of various musical styles, including calypso, soca, reggae, rock, classical, and others. Students will also play accessory and hand percussion instruments. The Pan Devils Steel Band will have the opportunity to present its music at a concert at the end of the semester as well as possible outside-school performances. Prior knowledge of pan is not necessary, however music reading is essential.

Course Objectives
- Proper technique and knowledge of steel pans.
- Understanding and application of the roles each pan plays within the ensemble.
- The highest level of performance as an ensemble.
- Cultural understanding and basic history of the instruments.

Grade Evaluation
Attendance - 40%
Attendance is mandatory and crucial for successful rehearsal and performance experiences for all. Please show up and be on time for every rehearsal and performance. This means arriving at least 15 minutes early to help set up the steel band so rehearsal can begin promptly at 4:30pm. More than one unexcused absence will result in a lower grade. More than three unexcused absences and you may be kicked out of the course. Missing any concert will result in a failing grade. Tardiness is not permitted and will also result in a lower grade. Absences for emergencies such as a serious illness (with a doctor’s note) and family emergencies are understandable and will be excused. Otherwise, if you have an unavoidable conflict you must notify me at least two weeks in advance. Please note that I determine whether or not an absence is excused.

Preparedness - 40%
Know your part, instrument, and practice outside of rehearsal. In a smaller ensemble it is easier to tell who has put in the work and who has not. Please do not fall into the latter category as it is disrespectful to your colleagues and will affect your grade. Always come to class with a pencil and all of your music.

Attitude - 20%
Please be courteous and professional. These instruments are expensive and difficult to maintain. Respect them, yourself, your band mates, me, and culture we are celebrating. We are working to achieve a common goal so please be helpful and encouraging to your colleagues. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated. Any differences you may have with each other are set aside at the door. Most importantly, have fun! This kind of music is difficult to play without moving your body. It is often upbeat, uplifting, and exciting. Do not be afraid to let that show, especially during performances.
**Required Materials**
Music
Pencils
Three-Ring Binder
Clear protective sleeves

**Performance Dates**
- Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:30pm at Evelyn Smith Music Theatre
  *Load in begins at 3pm*
- Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 10:30am at Musical Instrument Museum
  *Load in TBA. Time commitment will be all morning through early afternoon.*
- Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 7:30pm at Katzin Concert Hall
  *Load in begins at 4pm*
- Other performances on and/or off campus TBA.

*Excuse letters for teachers can be written as needed. Check and mark your calendars ASAP!*

**Concert dress** is a festive "Hawaiian" shirt with khaki slacks, browns dress shoes, and brown socks.

**Other Important Class Information**
Turn off all cell phones and other devices that may interrupt rehearsal. Please do not use any electronic device during rehearsal. Food and drink is not permitted in the rehearsal room. Always check your email for updates from me. Join the Pan Devils group on Facebook and spread the word about our concert(s).

**University Deadlines and Important Dates**

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If you require academic accommodations for a disability, contact the ASU Disability Resource Center. For more information call (480) 965 - 1234 or visit the Disability Resource Center on the ASU website at https://eoss.asu.edu/drc. Retroactive accommodations may be difficult to make, therefore students should contact the resource center as soon as possible.

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*Syllabus subject to change*