

MUSP 33A Course Outline as of Fall 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: MUSP 33A Title: ORCHESTRA 1

Full Title: Orchestra 1

Last Reviewed: 4/22/2024

Units	Course Hours per Week	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total
Maximum 1.00	Lecture Scheduled	0 17.5	Lecture Scheduled 0
Minimum 1.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00 16	Lab Scheduled 52.50
	Contact DHR	1.00	Contact DHR 17.50
	Contact Total	4.00	Contact Total 70.00
	Non-contact DHR	0	Non-contact DHR 0

Total Out of Class Hours: 0.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 70.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 39 - Total 2 Times

Also Listed As:

Formerly: MUSCP 33A

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:**

By Audition

Schedule of Classes Information:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment: By Audition

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

Repeatability: Total 2 Times

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
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CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2009	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2009	Inactive:
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CID:

CID Descriptor: MUS 180 Large Ensemble

SRJC Equivalent Course(s): MUSP21A OR MUSP21B OR MUSP21C OR MUSP21D OR MUSP23A OR MUSP23B OR MUSP23C OR MUSP23D OR MUSP30A OR MUSP30B OR MUSP30C OR MUSP30D OR MUSP32A OR MUSP32B OR MUSP32C OR MUSP32D OR MUSP33A OR MUSP33B OR MUSP33C OR MUSP33D OR MUSP42A OR MUSP42B OR MUSP42C OR MUSP42D

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Perform effectively in a large college-level orchestra with appropriate rhythm, pitch, tone, technique, musicality, and professionalism.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Accurately interpret and perform college-level literature for orchestra with proper characteristic tone.
2. Demonstrate basic technical proficiency in the performance of selected literature.
3. Read and accurately interpret the symbols of music notation to achieve desired effects on their respective instruments.
4. Sight read college-level orchestral literature at a basic, functional level.
5. Perform effectively with an ensemble in a public setting.
6. Perform in tempo with the ensemble.
7. Evaluate and critically analyze their musical performance for future improvement.

Students repeating Orchestra will be able to:

1. Demonstrate greater technical achievement on their instrument.
2. Articulate musical phrases with greater clarity.
3. Perform with higher standards of intonation.
4. Demonstrate a more sophisticated comprehension of dynamics, phrasing, musical expression,

and nuance.

5. Demonstrate greater skill in sight-reading.

6. Perform a more extensive repertoire.

Topics and Scope:

I. Development/Refinement of Characteristic Tone Through the Study of Effective Bowing Techniques (String Players), Breathing Techniques (Wind Players), and Beating Spot/Nuance of Touch (Percussion)

II. Rehearsal and Public Performance of a Variety of Works for Orchestra

III. Sight-Reading of College-Level Literature for Orchestra

IV. Study and Execution of Particular Technical Challenges Specific to the Literature Studied (Tempo, Dynamics, Intonation, Blend, Ornamentation, etc.)

V. Sectional Rehearsals for Each of the Four Sections of the Orchestra: String, Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion

VI. String Instrument Techniques Specific to the Literature Studied

VII. Wind Instrument Techniques Specific to the Literature Studied

VIII. Percussion Techniques Specific to the Literature Studied

IX. The Components of Musical Expression and Interpretation such as Phrasing, Dynamic Contrast, and Nuance

X. Developing Effective Practice Habits

XI. Differences in Musical Style Specific to the Literature Studied

XII. Critical Analysis and Comparison of the Artistic Goals Specific to the Literature Studied

XIII. The Roles of the Soloist and the Ensemble Player: Collaboration with a Soloist when Scheduled

XIV. Stage Deportment, Performance Etiquette, and Proper Performance Attire

Students repeating Orchestra will perform new literature each semester, enhancing both their skill level and their knowledge of the repertoire.

Assignment:

1. Prepare assigned works for public performance in concert

2. Outside practice of their instrument (ungraded)

3. Participation in additional rehearsals, when called

4. Participation in concerts, tours, and other field trips as scheduled

5. Final exam will be a public concert

Repeating students will be held to higher standards of performance with each repetition.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing
0 - 0%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

In-class rehearsals, public concerts

Skill Demonstrations
75 - 90%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams
0 - 0%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation at rehearsals and concerts

Other Category
10 - 25%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Instructor prepared materials.