

College of the Redwoods
Beginning Instruments Class, MUS 22, 1 Unit
W/4:15 p.m. - 6:20 p.m., CA 107 (Creative Arts Complex)
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Course of Study

Course Title: Beginning Instruments
Course Length: One Semester
Prerequisite: None

I. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE

Designed for the student who has never played a musical instrument (and the musician who wants to learn another instrument), this course teaches the basics of playing any brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument along with the fundamentals of music reading. There will be a concert at the end of each semester.

II. MAJOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

Students will be able to . . .

- A. Identify and play any notes written or called for .
- B. Identify tempo, dynamic and stylistic markings/
- C. Determine key from key signatures.
- D. Perform in both ensemble and solo settings.
- E. Play the practical range of the selected instrument in chromatic quarter notes.
- F. Follow basic conducting patterns.
- G. Perform at end of semester concert performance.

III. COURSE CONTENT

- A. Music nomenclature
- B. Basic music reading
- C. Chords and scales
- D. Introduction of new music
- E. Practice for performances

IV . TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

- A. Warm-up scales
- B. Rehearsals
- C. Ratings on music played
- D. Demonstration/ modeling

V. MEANS AND METHODS OF EVALUATION

- A. Rating achievement on skills
- B. Rehearsal/ class attendance
- C. Performance attendance

VI. MATERIALS

- A. Basic Text - Prelude to Band, Book I, by Joe Curatilo
- B. Supplemental Text - Sheet music

Please note: This class meets CSU and UC requirements