

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of COMMUNICATION & ARTS

Course Number and Title—MUSI 1401 ROCK BAND

Catalog Description—(F,S) Rock Band is a performance based lab that deals with the techniques needed to perform popular music styles in a band setting. Students will be grouped into ensembles and assigned music to learn and perform at a handful of showcases throughout the semester. Music styles that may be covered include, but are not limited to: rock and roll, blues, country, funk, and r&b. Students will supply their own instruments and should be able to play at an intermediate-to-advanced level. Music reading skills, while not required for the course, would be beneficial.

Prerequisites—None

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours --1 Credit hour/ 3 Contact hours/3 Load hours

Target Audience/Transferability—This course is designed as an ensemble course for general student and community performers. It will not transfer as a credit course but will apply as a 1 credit hour elective toward NWACC degrees.

Student Learning Outcomes—Students will:

- Demonstrate improvement in performance skills
- Show proof of successful public performances
- Discuss the structure and styles of pieces performed during the semester
- Provide evidence through public performances of effective, disciplined teamwork
- Demonstrate proof of effective communication in the band setting
- Show proper professional etiquette toward audience members and fellow band members

Topics— Class topics may include: actively listening while playing, creating effective instrumental parts, improvising and composing solos, playing by ear, playing behind a vocalist, and songwriting. Some selections will be carried from fall to spring terms, and some become part of the permanent repertoire of the group.

Forms of Assessment—

- Summary critiques of concerts by students and director.