

NorthWest Arkansas Community College  
Division of COMMUNICATION & ARTS

Course Number and Title—MUSI 1441 ROCK BAND II

Catalog Description—(F,S) A continuation of Rock Band I 1431. 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 several showcases throughout the semester. Students will supply 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: Consent

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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 music majors and will transfer as a 1 credit hour ensemble elective. The course is also open to non-majors and will count as an elective toward an Associate of Arts degree and as an elective toward some 4-year degrees. Community members who are not pursuing degrees join without registration for credit.

Student Learning Outcomes—Students will:

- Demonstrate improvement in performance skills, particularly in the area of improvisation
- Show proof of successful public performances
- Discuss the structure and styles of the pieces performed during the semester
- Provide evidence through public performances of effective, disciplined teamwork.

Topics—Titles of musical selections vary each year. Other topics will include jazz theory, harmony, and improvisation strategies. 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.