

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Music Department

Course Number and Title

MUSI 1401, Rock Band

Catalog Description

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 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. May be repeated once for credit.

Prerequisites

Consent of instructor.

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.

General Education Outcome(s)

Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.

Student Learning Outcomes

- 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.

Assessment

Summary critiques of concerts by students and director.

Required Materials

Students must provide their own instruments.