

Flute Ensembles MUS-375 & 675

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The WCU Flute Ensembles consist of both small (2 to 4) and large (5 to 14) ensembles and perform from one to several concerts each semester. Instrumentation varies from groups of all C-flutes – to the full complement of piccolo, Eb, C, Bb, alto, bass and contrabass flutes. Ensemble skills (awareness of rhythm, pitch, style, etc) are strongly emphasized. Additionally, students are encouraged to prepare and conduct the group whenever possible.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS/POLICIES

1. Attendance: Students are expected to attend (on time and preferably EARLY) **all** rehearsals and performances. You are *important* and your presence (or absence) makes a big difference to the group - don't ever think otherwise. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance *in advance* of a legitimate absence (illness, family emergency or severe weather conditions).
2. Preparation: Learn your parts outside of rehearsal time. This makes all the difference, in both quality of performance and the experience of getting there. While we do a fair amount of reading, when a part is assigned, you should begin practice that day, while it's fresh in your mind. Don't procrastinate, it hurts everyone.
3. Rehearsals: Have your flute out and be ready to play at the downbeat. A relaxed atmosphere is always best, but only works when everyone pulls their own weight – or more. Please help set up and put away equipment. Remember to place all chairs and desks back in order. Stands must be returned to wherever they were found!

GRADING

This is an "S/U" course and you should expect an "S." It is possible to earn a "U" by poor attendance (more than three absences in a semester), being unprepared for rehearsals, or missing either a dress rehearsal or performance.

MATERIALS

BRING YOUR FLUTE, YOUR MUSIC, AND A PENCIL

REQUIRED EVENTS

Performances are TBA

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