COURSE DESCRIPTION (catalog summary): Wind Ensemble is an advanced performing ensemble for winds and percussion that studies class A and AA music literature. Instruments represented are Flute, Oboe, Saxophone, Clarinet, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion. Students will study advanced / university-level theory and vocabulary used in concert literature. During the learning process, students will discover the historical concepts for various styles of wind music. Students will understand and demonstrate music as a way to create and communicate meaning and emotion. They will identify and demonstrate listening skills, analyze group and individual performances using appropriate musical language and pedagogical skills related to their chosen instruments. Guest clinicians and conductors will be used throughout the course to extend the students’ knowledge of instrument skills and music literature. Students will develop fundamental artistic and aesthetic understanding by writing critiques of live music concerts. Communication and interpretation skills will be used by the students while producing and performing in their own concerts, which may include collaboration with other arts disciplines. Public performances are required and there is a substantial commitment of individual (at home) practice time.

GOALS (expected performance outcomes for students):
- Decode musical notation
- Demonstrate the use of advanced music vocabulary and terminology
- Show aesthetic valuing with written critiques of live music rehearsals and performances
- Through rehearsal and performance settings students will develop the ability to read and synthesize musical notation and terminology from various classical periods and popular forms of music
- Demonstrate well-developed rehearsal and performance skills
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- Play expressively, with appropriate dynamics, phrasing, and interpretation

**CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS** *(how the course aligns with California and/or national curriculum standards):*

Adv.MU:E.Pr4.1: Explain the criteria used to select a varied repertoire to study based on an understanding of theoretical and structural characteristics of the music, the technical skill of the individual or ensemble, and the purpose or context of the performance.

Adv.MU:E.Pr4.2: Demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works impact and inform prepared or improvised performances.

Adv.MU:E.Pr4.3: Demonstrate an understanding of context in a varied repertoire of music through prepared and improvised performances.

Adv.MU:E.Pr5: Develop strategies to address expressive challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success using feedback from ensemble peers and other sources to refine performances.

Adv.MU:E.Pr6.B: Demonstrate an understanding of expressive intent by connecting with an audience through prepared and improvised performances.

Adv.MU:E.Re7.1: Apply criteria to select music for specified purposes, supporting choices by citing characteristics found in the music and connections to interest, purpose, and context.

Adv.MU:E.Re9: Evaluate works and performances based on personally- or collaboratively-developed criteria, including analysis of the structure and context.

Adv.MU:E.Cn10: Connect and demonstrate how personal interests, knowledge, and skills relate to choices and intent when creating, performing, and responding to music.

Adv.MU:E.Cn11: Connect and demonstrate the relationships between music and societal, cultural, and historical contexts when creating, performing, and responding.

**EVALUATION** *(how the effectiveness of the course will be monitored and assessed):*

- Written exams on music terminology and theory
- Written and oral critiques of professional and amateur music performances
- Public performances and music festivals
- Small Wind Ensemble and individual assessments
**Unit 1**

**Length of Unit:** 9 weeks

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**Extension -- for high achieving students.**

Content: higher-level technical exercises and musical excerpts provided, organization of mentor groups

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**Evaluation**

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**Summative Assessments** *(unit final evaluation):*
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Written examination
Written self-reflection
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