Concert Band
College of the Holy Cross – spring 2016

**Ensemble Instructor**

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*Office hours by appointment*

*Located in Hogan Campus Center 029A*

*Do not hesitate to email or call with any questions throughout the semester.*

**Rehearsals**

Fridays – 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Hogan Band Room – 029 Hogan Campus Center

**Rehearsal Schedule – spring 2016**

**January**

29 – General information meeting and seating placement tests

**February**

5 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
12 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
19 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
26 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM

**March**

4 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
11 – *Spring Break *No Rehearsal*
18 – *Sectionals*, Brass and Percussion – 4:30-5:15 PM, Woodwinds 5:15-6:00 PM
25 – *Easter Break *No Rehearsal*

**April**

1 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
8 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
15 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
22 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM
29 – Rehearsal in Hogan (029) Band Room, 4:30-6:00 PM

**May – (These Dates Mandatory)**

6 – “Dress” Rehearsal Hogan (029) Band Room 4:30-6:00 PM

8 – **Concert** – Hogan Ballroom 6:30-8:30PM
*Call Time 6:30 PM; Sound Check 6:45-7:15 PM; Concert 7:30-8:30 PM*

1/19/2016
Ensemble Policies

Attendance
All members wishing to participate in the ensemble should commit to all rehearsals and the performance. 100% attendance will be the expectation though two rehearsals may be utilized as personal days pending the absence is communicated at least one hour in advance of the rehearsal to the director. Attendance at the “dress” rehearsal and the concert date will be mandatory. Attendance will be tracked at every rehearsal. Please check-in with Dr. Riley so he gets a chance to learn your names as well!

Email
I will use your Holy Cross provided e-mail address to communicate with you outside of class. You can expect weekly rehearsal schedule updates and other pertinent announcements for the course. I expect you will check your Holy Cross e-mail at least once a day. I expect individual replies to individual emails. Mass group emails are considered FYI and may not warrant a reply.

Instruments
Members are expected to provide their own instrument and instrument accessories. However, ensemble members will have the option to borrow a Holy Cross-owned instrument from the Student Life band inventory at no additional cost pending availability. Only percussionists will have permission to use the percussion inventory.

Percussionists
I expect percussionists to know the rehearsal order in advance of the rehearsal and be prepared to adjust personnel and setups in a timely manner so we can efficiently move through rehearsals. percussionists may be asked to help move equipment for rehearsals and/or the concert.

Music
You are encouraged to take your music for individual practice. However, you are responsible for ensuring you have all music for rehearsal. All music will be collected immediately following the concert on May 8.

Recordings
Links to performances of our concert music will be made available to all members for their reference.

Concert Attire
Each member will be responsible for providing their own concert attire within the guidelines described below.

Men - black dress pants, black top (can be suit or appropriate long sleeved shirt), black dress shoes, black socks

Women - long dark dress (preferably black) WITH SLEEVES or black slacks and black top, black DRESS shoes (no casual flip-flops, please.)