ATTENDANCE AND GRADING POLICY:

Every member of the Symphonic Band is required to attend all rehearsals and performances. The only acceptable excuses are illness (a "verifiable" medical note from a physician may be required), family emergency, or pre-approved academic conflict, e.g. an exam or field trip in your major area of study. PLEASE EMAIL me regarding ANY absences within 24 hours (if you are out of town for an emergency, please call). This will serve as documentation for your absences. A rehearsal schedule will be posted on the bulletin board (just outside room 102). Please check this schedule regularly and come to rehearsal with your music PREPARED IN ADVANCE.

Grades will be determined by a point system, and assigned as follows:

- Rehearsal = 0-5 points per day (0 for unexcused absence, 5 points will be assigned if prepared, on-time with all materials, and musically prepared/engaged in rehearsal; tardiness may also affect grade).
- Dress Rehearsal = 10 points each
- Performances = 25 points each

There are 270 possible points for Spring 2011:

40 Rehearsals 200 possible points
2 Performances 50 possible points
2 Dress Rehearsals 20 possible points (Dress Rehearsals will be announced later in the semester)

The total number of points are then averaged for your final grade using the following scale:

97.5% = A
95.0% = B
92.5% = C
90.0% = D
less than 90% = F

CONCERT DRESS:

Men: Black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black dress shoes, and black socks. We have tuxes available to rent for $25 per semester (does not include shirt).

Women: Long (floor length or mid-calf) black skirt, black pants (no denim), or black dress meeting all specifications (no prom-type dresses). Long-sleeved black blouse. Black/off-black hose, black dress shoes, simple jewelry. No décolletage, bare shoulders, or necklines. No “hip” chunky shoes, open-toed sandals only acceptable with black hose, and no bare midriffs.
MUSIC:

You are responsible for your own folder - please take it with you after rehearsal. There will be a fine of $2.00 per page for lost music and $20.00 for a lost music folder.

A rehearsal schedule will be sent via email and posted on the band bulletin board. Please check this schedule regularly and come to rehearsal with your music prepared in advance. Rehearsal is not the time for you to learn your part - rehearsal is the time for you to learn everyone else’s part!

COURSE ORGANIZATION:

CONCERT 1

Ames City Auditorium (515 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010)

Date: Friday, February 18th, 2011

Dress Rehearsal: TBD

Call: TBD

Concert: 7:30 p.m. (Shared with Concert Band)

Repertory: Charles Ives/William Schumann/William Rhoads - Variations on ‘America’

Ronald Lo Presti - Elegy for a Young American

Donald Grantham - Spangled Heavens

Rehearsals (13): 01/14, 01/19, 01/21, 01/24, 01/26, 01/28, 01/31, 02/02, 02/07, 02/09, 02/11, 02/14, 02/16

CONCERT 2

Stephens Auditorium (1810 East Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010)

Date: Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Dress Rehearsal: TBD

Call: TBD

Concert: 7:30 p.m. (Shared with Concert Band)

Repertory: TBD

Rehearsals (27): 02/21, 02/23, 02/25, 02/28, 03/02, 03/04, 03/07, 03/09, 03/11, 03/21, 03/23, 03/25, 03/28, 03/30, 04/01, 04/04, 04/06, 04/08, 04/11, 04/13, 04/15, 04/18, 04/20, 04/22, 04/25, 04/27, 04/29

Please address any special needs or special accommodations with me at the beginning of the semester or as soon as you become aware of your needs. Those seeking accommodations based on disabilities should obtain a Student Academic Accommodation Request (SAAR) form from the Student Disability Resource (SDR) office (phone 515-294-7220). SDR is located on the main floor of the Student Services Building, Room 1076.