

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PHILOSOPHY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Instrumental Music Department in UCS challenges students to develop and establish individual abilities in music. In turn, this process embodies the following components that ultimately enhance student performance in academic, social and lifelong endeavors:

Dedication	Teamwork	Communication	Discipline	Leadership
Responsibility	Creativity	Problem Solving	Emotional Expression	

These components contribute to an individual sense of belonging and instill music appreciation, artistic expression, and aesthetic well-being as well as musical performance. The result is a human being who is nurtured, fulfilled and enlightened.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

J020

BEGINNING BAND

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: None

Beginning band provides any interested student the opportunity to learn to play a band instrument. The fundamentals of brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments are covered with the emphasis on individual progress and enrichment. No previous musical training is required. Selection of instrument requires the consent of the instructor.

J030

STRING CLASS AND/OR ORCHESTRA

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: Open to any student upon recommendation of the instructor.

This class provides string students an understanding of and appreciation for orchestral music through performance. Individual progress is stressed. Students are required to participate in all group activities.

J040

CONCERT BAND/SYMPHONIC BAND

2 semester 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: Open to any student upon recommendation of the instructor.

This class provides the opportunity for participation, study and individual achievement to all students not placed in the more advanced Varsity Band. Members are required to participate in all activities of the group. Periods are devoted to further training in techniques and sight reading and to individual progress.

J100

MARCHING BAND/COLOR GUARD

Fall semester

1/2 credit

9-12

PREREQUISITE: Open to members of the marching band.

This course is for students who perform with the Marching Band. Students will rehearse routines for performance with the Marching Band. All students are expected to attend all rehearsals, football games, parades, and related Marching Band activities.

VOCAL MUSIC

J120

CHIEFTAIN/TITAN/EAGLE/FALCON CHORUS (Men's Glee)

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: None

Beginning and advanced male students may select this class. TB, TTB, and TTBB music will be used of varying styles including barbershop harmony. This group will perform at concerts during the year. Members are expected to participate in all group activities.

J110

CHORAL ILLUSIONS (Women's Glee)

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: None

Female vocalists may select this music class. Students have opportunities to study and sing SA/SSA music of various styles from pop to classical. This group will perform at concerts during the year. Members are expected to participate in all group activities.

J130

MIXED CHORUS

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: None

This coed choir is made up of beginning and intermediate students. Many styles of music will be offered, and some choreography will be included. Members are required to participate in all activities of the choir.

J140

VARSITY/CONCERT CHOIR

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: Audition or recommendation may be required

This coed choir is made up of intermediate and advanced students. Many styles of music will be offered and some choreography may be included. Members are required to participate in all activities of the choir.

160

SWING/CHORALEER/SELECT GIRLS SHOW CHOIR

2 semesters 1 credit 9-12

PREREQUISITE: Audition Only

A class for selected females in which works are often choreographed. Three-part music of various styles is used. Performances are given throughout the year, and members are expected to participate in all activities.

J150

CHORALE/MIXED SHOW CHOIR

2 semesters

1 credit

10-12

PREREQUISITE: Admission by audition only

This class is composed of a selected group of vocally talented musicians. Students sing music from the musicals, as well as from vocal jazz, contemporary, and swing compositions. Performances are enhanced by choreography. All students will be required to attend all rehearsals, competitions, concerts, and activities of the group.

J170

VOCAL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

2 semesters

1 credit

9-12

PREREQUISITE: Recommendation of instructor.

This is a class designed for students wanting to pursue an in depth study of voice. Students study voice production and vocal techniques. Outlets are solo and ensemble (district and state festivals).

J180

ELEMENTS OF MUSIC

2 semesters

1 credit

9-12

PREREQUISITE: Open to any interested student

This course is for students who want to learn more about music. Students will be studying music history, music appreciation and/or music theory. For college-bound students planning to major in music this class offers the opportunity to earn college credit in either music history or music theory through the Advanced Placement Program. Students interested in earning college credit must take the Advanced Placement test. Choice of college and actual performance on the A.P. examination will determine whether college credit is earned.

(See Instrumental Music section for the semester offering.)