

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

## MUS 70G CIVIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA

Credit Hours: .5 Lab .5

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This ensemble is open to string players age 16 and over. The group performs classical string music for the public. This course is designed for community members, high school students, and other performers. It is a multi-level class. CR/NC OE/OE

1. COURSE GOAL

The Civic Light Orchestra performs light classical or popular music for major concerts. The orchestra also performs upon request for the college and other public functions.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 play and perform the finest light classical or popular orchestral literature.
- 2.2 execute the basic components of playing: tone quality, balance, blend, intonation, technique, rhythm, and ensemble awareness.
- 2.3 sight-read music, possess good pitch, and understand the basics of melody, harmony, tonal balance, rhythm, bowing, technique, and ensemble skills.
- 2.4 perform in public at the highest possible level.
- 2.5 demonstrate familiarity with musical terms.
- 2.6 demonstrate an understanding of orchestral protocol in rehearsals and performances.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

All instruction will follow standard rehearsal procedures.

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Rehearsal of music by the full ensemble and by section
- 4.2 Sight reading
- 4.3 Perfection of intonation across the orchestral ensemble
- 4.4 Perfection of technical playing across the orchestral ensemble
- 4.5 Perfection of ensemble playing and awareness
- 4.6 Awareness of orchestral protocol during rehearsals and performances
- 4.7 It will be between the instructor and the student to determine how the class time will be fulfilled during the semester.

## 5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grades will be earned by an assortment of learning activities, performances, assignments, and participation.
- 5.2 Please see the class schedule and assignment sheet for more information.

## 6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course will be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized "crib notes," plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor's signature will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC's Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for "No Show" reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.  
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a "No Show" (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of "NS" on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.  
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
  - Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course