

Angelo State University Department of Visual and Performing Arts
The Ram Band and You: Being Successful While Staying Involved
GS 1181; 1 credit hour; T, R 3:30 – 4:20 Carr EFA 101

SYLLABUS, Fall 2019

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Course Description

The Ram Band is one of the largest and most visible student organizations on the ASU campus. The Ram Band Family is a large and connected group of people from all walks of life that have contributed to the great history and tradition of this organization. Being a part of an organization like this can be and often is very time consuming. We will discuss and learn multiple ways to maximize your time, utilize university resources, achieve at the highest level, and graduate on time while staying involved during the year.

Strategies and Assignments

Throughout the semester, projects and assignments will be made to enhance the learning experience. Assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. No late assignments will be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. Additional assignments may be added at the discretion of the instructor. Assignments and projects are as follows:

- Bibliography* Students will use and explore library resources to develop a working bibliography on a topic of their choice. Students will explore books, journals, and electronic resources to develop this bibliography. Students will also learn techniques to evaluate the quality and relevance of sources.
- Article Summary* Students will write an article summary of one of their articles used in the bibliography. Information regarding formatting, length, styles, etc. will be distributed and discussed in class.
- Experience Essay* An in-class assignment, students will reflect upon previous experience in a musical ensemble, sports team, club, or other type of extra-curricular activities. The essay will be shared with the student's section.
- Group Project* Students will be divided into groups and perform an original skip of how to/not to be a freshman. Further information will be distributed in class.
- Event Attendance* Students must attend 6 different events on the ASU campus. Each student should take a "selfie" at the event and email it to Dr. Alvis.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend each class meeting. Students will be allowed two excused absences that must be approved before 11:00 am the day of class. If a student must miss, any assignments and course work must be turned in before the class begins. No late submissions will be accepted. The student will lose 100 points from his or her final grade for each unexcused absence. Because there are only 16 class meetings, attendance is crucial to student success. Information will be presented quickly and concisely, making attendance a must.

Grading/Assessment

The final grade will be determined by the total number of points earned throughout the course.

A = 1,000-940; B = 939-870; C = 869-800; D = 799-730; F = 729-0

<u>Assignments</u>	<u>Point Value*</u>
Bibliography	100
Article Summary	100
Experience Essay	100
Group Project	100
<u>Event Attendance</u>	<u>600</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,000</i>

**point values may be adjusted at the discretion of the instructor.*

University Policies

Students must adhere to the University Honor Code at all times. The policy can be found in full at <https://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf>.

Accommodations for students with disabilities will be made to the best of the abilities of the instructor. The rights of students with disabilities can be found in ASU's OP 10.15 (<file:///Users/jonathanalvis/Downloads/op-0614-faculty-responsibilities-and-duties.pdf>).

Students will be excused from class for the observance of a religious holiday in accordance with ASU's OP 10.19. This operating procedure can be found at <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of>.



Syllabus Statement Fall 2019

Title IX at Angelo State University:

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online:	www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to Face:	Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone:	325-942-2022
E-Mail:	michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.