Agoura High Music
Course Guide

Please read and review all of the information for the class you are interested in, and visit www.agourahighmusic.com under the “Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide” tab. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Bloom by emailing cbloom@lvusd.org.

Wind Ensemble I
2-3 years playing experience is recommended or approval by a middle school director. Private lessons are encouraged. This class meets and rehearses along with the marching band class but is not required to do after school rehearsals. The class plays a variety of repertoire ranging from beginning to intermediate pieces. This course is recommended for freshmen & sophomores.

Wind Ensemble II
This class is by audition only and open to freshmen with a recommendation by their middle school director. This class performs intermediate to advanced repertoire. The class consists of select freshmen and mostly sophomores & juniors. Private lessons are highly recommended. Please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

Wind Ensemble II (Honors Credit)
This class is by audition only. Freshmen wishing to take this class must audition and also participate in the Wind Ensemble II/Marching Band class. Private lessons are required. This class has mostly junior and senior musicians along with select sophomores and freshmen. Please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

Orchestra I
Approval by a student's middle school director or 2-3 years playing experience is recommended. Private lessons are highly encouraged. No audition required. This group performs music that ranges in difficulty from intermediate to advanced.

Orchestra II
This ensemble is by audition only. This group performs advanced repertoire that is often at the collegiate level. Students are encouraged to have private lessons and a minimum of 4 years playing experience. At various times throughout the year, students from this group perform pieces written for full orchestra. Students from this group are also selected to play in the school musical.

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Women's Choir I
This class is recommended for all freshmen female vocal students, or female students who have not taken choir at AHS. This class focuses on basic music fundamentals, basic vocal technique, and levels of music that range in difficulty from easy to advanced. No audition is necessary.

Advanced Women's Choir II
Women's Choir II is recommended for experienced female singers and private lessons are highly recommended. All students must audition for the class. The group performs with Women's Choir I and also performs separately from that class on more advanced material. It is recommended that all students take a year of Women's Choir I before auditioning for Women's Choir II.

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Mixed Choir
Female vocalists wishing to take this class must participate in one year of Women's Choir before auditioning as an incoming sophomore. Freshmen Male vocalists must sign up for an audition. Please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

Jazz B
2-3 years playing experience is necessary along with an audition and approval by your middle school music director. It is highly recommended that students enrolled in this class also take Wind Ensemble I or Marching Band. Priority will go to those enrolled in a Wind Ensemble or Marching Band class. Private lessons are highly recommended. This class is primarily for freshmen students but is open to all grade levels based on their audition. Please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

Jazz A
This class is available to select freshmen students who have demonstrated an ability to excel in the style of Jazz music. 2-3 years playing experience is necessary along with an audition and approval by your middle school music director. It is required that wind students enrolled in this class also take Wind Ensemble II or Marching Band unless they are a junior or senior with previous Wind Ensemble experience at AHS. Private lessons are required. One year of Jazz B is recommended before auditioning for Jazz A. Please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

Studio Jazz Ensemble
Incoming sophomores may audition for this class once they have completed a year of another ensemble at Agoura High. Freshmen are not accepted into this class. You must be concurrently enrolled in Wind Ensemble Honors in order to take this class. This ensemble meets after school on even days.

Marching Band
2-3 years of playing experience is recommended for this class OR at least a year of private lessons. No audition is necessary. This group rehearses with the Wind Ensemble I class during period 3 or Wind Ensemble II during period 5. During the football season, this class performs at all home football games and select away games. In addition, students receive P.E. Credit for this class. Students in this class rehearse basic marching steps and formations for performances in the Reyes Adobe Parade, Pep Rallies, and football pre-game/half-time shows. One after-school rehearsal per week is required during the football season.

If you are interested in auditioning for the Wind Ensemble II/Marching Band Period 5 class, please see the audition requirements and sign up for your audition on www.agourahighmusic.com under the Incoming Freshmen/Course Guide tab.

ALL STUDENTS taking marching band should sign up on the "marching band email notification list" on www.agourahighmusic.com in order to receive important information about completing a physical with your physician prior to the start of the school year.

Jazz Combos (after-school class, not for school credit)
The Jazz Combo classes each meet once per week for 1 1/2 hours after school in the band room. Students of all levels are welcome to join. You do not need to be in the high school's Jazz program to take part in the class, but you must be enrolled in one music course. Whether you are in the Jazz program at the school and want some extra small group playing experience, or you have no experience at all playing Jazz, you are more than welcome to sign up. Contact Dave Robaire for more information. david.robaire@gmail.com