

Syllabus
MUEN 1141 and 2141
Concert Choir
FALL 2019
Instructor: Dr. Debbie Gelber

PURPOSE: This ensemble prepares and performs challenging literature from the various major stylistic periods, as well as contemporary popular and folk idioms. The purposes of this ensemble include: promoting a better understanding and appreciation for all styles of choral music; providing positive rehearsal and performance experiences for its members; and representing and enhancing the public image of South Plains College.

PERFORMANCES:

There will be TWO major performances this semester. The dates are:

Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. with the Concert Band and other ensembles

Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. Choir Concert

Additional performances may be added during the semester. However, adequate notice will be given so that schedule adjustments can be made. Other activities may be scheduled in support of the ongoing functions of the choir in which all choir members are expected to fully participate.

GRADE DETERMINATION

Because Concert Choir is a **performance** ensemble, attendance at every rehearsal is necessary. Ensemble grading is never an easy task. BE SURE YOU CHECK IN WITH YOUR SECTION LEADER AT EVERY REHEARSAL or SECTIONAL!!

- 1) Students will receive a grade for each rehearsal and performance.
- 2) Grades will be based on: prompt attendance, participating in the rehearsal, cooperative behavior (working in sectionals, refraining from talking during a rehearsal), ability to perform the repertoire correctly.
- 3) An unexcused absence will be recorded as a 0 for the rehearsal.
- 4) An absence is excused if:
 - a) Student is ill with written confirmation from a doctor or the student's health clinic.
 - b) There is a death in the family and student misses class to attend the funeral. Again, documentation would be required.
 - c) Student is absent due to a school activity for which arrangements and approvals have already been made.
 - d) Other circumstances as determined on a case by case basis by instructor.

***It is noted that one unexcused absence could significantly affect your grade. 3 or 4 could cause course failure. 4 or more absences could result in being dropped from the class and repayment of your scholarship. ***

A performance is comparable to a final exam. If a student misses a performance, the final grade will be considerably lowered and scholarship money will be re-paid. If there is an extreme circumstance as outlined above, written documentation would be required and each situation judged on a case by case basis. Please check your calendars carefully at the beginning of the semester for any unalterable conflicts and discuss it with the professor immediately.

MUSIC SCORES: Music and binders will be provided for each student. Students are responsible for the return of music at the end of the semester. Other learning resources (translations, pronunciation guides, historical background information, etc.) will be distributed to each student. Any loss of materials will be reported to the accounting office and could put a hold on grades, revocation of scholarship or incur fines that would be paid before enrolling the next semester or transferring to another school.

UNIFORMS :

Males: Formal concert attire consists of a black long sleeved button down shirt, black slacks, black socks, and black **dress** shoes.

Females: Formal concert attire consists of a formal length (either full length or $\frac{3}{4}$ length) black dress, black skirt or long black pants.

Tops must be black long sleeved or $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Shoes: black, flat or modest heel close-toed **dress** shoes and black stockings.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

An ensemble can only succeed with positive involvement from every member of the group. Voice Majors are the leaders of this group. They must act accordingly. All vocal majors will be expected to direct the warm ups and assume leadership responsibilities at some point in the semester.

You are expected to participate in all rehearsal activities and **please do not leave the rehearsal** unless you have an emergency.

Cell phones should be put away for the duration of the rehearsal.

Be courteous and respectful to the other members of the group.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Choir Scholarships are awarded on the basis of talent and involvement. They are awarded in this priority:

- A) Vocal Majors who are studying private voice
- B) Music Majors who are taking private voice
- C) Non-Music majors who are taking private voice

Students who also qualify by audition for the small chamber ensemble will receive extra scholarship money.

Any scholarship amounts are varied by a student's ability, experience and commitment to the music program at SPC.

Scholarship money will be disbursed on or around the 4th week of class.

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- **SPC Standard Disability Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

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- **Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email cgilster@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.