

MUEN 1151 and 2151 Chamber Singers

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PURPOSE: The purposes of this ensemble include: promoting a better understanding and appreciation for jazz, pop, Broadway, opera styles of ensemble 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 one or two performances each semester. Dates TBA.

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

- 1) Students will receive a grade for each rehearsal and performance.
- 2) Grade will be based on: prompt attendance, participating in the rehearsal, co-operative 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 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 scholarship. ***

A performance is comparable to a final exam. If a student misses a performance, the final grade will be an F 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.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

An ensemble can only succeed with positive involvement from every member of the group. 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 voice
- C) Non-Music majors who are taking Private Voice

TEXTBOOK: The music provided is the textbook. Students are responsible for the return of music at the end of the semester.

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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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Diversity Statement:

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.