

Syllabus MUEN 1141 and 2141

Concert Choir

Instructor: Dr. Debbie Gelber

FA117 (Office Hours Posted on Door and on Instructor Info)

PURPOSE: This ensemble prepares and performs challenging literature from the various major stylistic periods, as well as contemporary, popular and folk idioms. The purpose of this ensemble includes: 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 THREE major performances this semester. The dates will be posted during the first week of classes.

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.

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, co-operative behavior (working in sectionals, refraining from talking during a rehearsal), ability to perform the music 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 affected severely, and scholarship money must 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 will be provided for each student. Students are responsible for the return of any original music at the end of the semester. Copies may be retained.

Students will need a 3-ring binder for their music and a pencil at every rehearsal! Other learning resources (translations, pronunciation guides, historical background information, etc.) will be distributed to each student.

Any loss of original 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.

This may change and adequate notice will be made.

REHEARSAL ETIQUETTE

An ensemble can only succeed with positive involvement from every member of the group. Fine Arts Voice Majors are the leaders of this group. They must act accordingly. All vocal majors will be expected to direct the warmups 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 or permission from the instructor. This means, get your bathroom trips out of the way BEFORE class!

Cell phones should be put away for the duration of the rehearsal unless specified by the instructor.

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

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Choir Scholarships are awarded based on 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. Music Majors
- D. Non-Music majors who are taking private voice
- E. Non Music Majors

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

Scholarships are usually disbursed during the 5th week of class.

Intellectual Exchange Statement

In South Plains College courses, the instructor will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference 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 intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disabilities 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, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302.

Non-Discrimination Statement

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

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 Health and Wellness Center. 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 the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

CARE (Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation) Team

South Plains College is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of its students and community. To support its campus community SPC has a CARE Team. This is a dedicated group of campus professionals responsible for assessing and responding to students who could benefit from academic, emotional, or psychological support, as well as those presenting risk to

the health or safety of the community. If you see someone experiencing challenges, appearing distressed, posing a threat to their safety or someone else's safety, or causing a significant disruption to the SPC community, please submit a [CARE Team referral](#). You may also submit a referral for yourself if you would like additional support. NOTE: In cases where a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Government Code 411.2031, et al. authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

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