

Sam Houston State University School of Music

Syllabus Choral Ensemble - Women's Choir

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To strive for excellence in the preparation and performance of high quality and varied choral repertoire of diverse styles and historical periods.
2. To prepare students for success in life through meaningful ensemble experiences.
3. To become better choral musicians and problem solvers.

COURSE STRUCTURE

MUEN 1111- 02 (84239)) **MWF 2:00-3:20 RM 202 Choir room**
MUEN 31111-02(84391))

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Choir members are expected to be punctual to each scheduled rehearsal and performance of the semester. Roll will be checked at the beginning of each rehearsal. There is no way to make-up a missed rehearsal.** Unless you are too sick to get out of bed, you should attend rehearsal to either sing or to listen carefully and make notes. Please let me know before a rehearsal that you are not going to be singing. Absences and tardies will impact the choir's success and the "team spirit" of the ensemble.

1. Notification of the Conductor: It is customary and a professional courtesy that you email Mr. Ware to offer an explanation for your absence from a rehearsal in a timely manner.
2. A doctor's appointment is not considered an excused absence.

ABSENCES

1. A student may miss **two** rehearsals per semester. **Each additional absence will lower the final grade by a full letter grade.** There is no difference between an excused and an unexcused absence. Missing rehearsal for a University obligation, while excused, must be pre-arranged with the conductor at **LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR** to the rehearsal via e mail or in person. You should have a letter from the Professor requesting your absence for their activity.
2. An absence on **FRIDAY** may result in a *performance component* (or sing-off) within one week of the missed rehearsal, excused or not.
3. **Tardy = not in place ready to sing at 2:00 p.m.**
4. **2 tardies = 1 absence**
5. Any absence during the concert week will lower the final grade by a full letter grade.
6. **A missed dress rehearsal will result in a failing grade and elimination from the performance.**
7. **A missed concert will result in failure of the course.**

CELL PHONE POLICY and Acceptable Rehearsal Etiquette

Cell phones should be turned off PRIOR to the start of rehearsal. Any student who either answers a cell phone or uses it to send a text message during a rehearsal will **automatically be excused from rehearsal AND her final grade will be lowered by a FULL letter grade.** Please do not have your cell phone out during rehearsal (have them on silent) and do not ask permission to leave your cell phone on during class unless it is an emergency.

Please do not ask to leave or opt to leave a rehearsal to take care of personal issues; it is distracting and breaks the flow of rehearsal. Please take care of personal issues prior to the beginning of rehearsal unless it's an emergency.

Take care a restroom issues before rehearsal begins.

ILLNESS

If a student is required to miss an excessive amount of classes because of an on-going illness or surgery, the student should seriously consider dropping the ensemble and private voice studies for the semester. On rare occasions, it becomes physically impossible for a student to fulfill the attendance and performance requirements of a major ensemble. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the student to take the proper course of action. In the interest of academic integrity, each student, regardless of health issues, must complete the requirements of the course in order to receive a passing grade.

GRADING POLICY

The grades given for each choral ensemble are determined by the following:

1. Attendance and punctuality
2. Participation , contribution, professionalism
3. Preparation of assigned repertoire (periodically, individuals or small groups from within the choir will sing assigned sections of the repertoire).

MATERIALS

Each choir member will need the following:

1. 1" black folder with a flat finish (3 ring binder)
2. A small pencil pouch with the following: 2 sharpened or mechanical pencils, and one highlighter
3. Bring all materials to every rehearsal.
4. Concert attire: **BLACK CONCERT DRESS hemmed 1" from the floor and black, closed-toed shoes (flat or small heel). Cost is \$69 per dress to be ordered by you at this link.**
<http://www.formalwear-outlet.com/d613.html>
No bracelets or necklaces; small earrings only and no facial piercings, or spray colored hair

*******Women's Choir members are required to attend:**

September 26 Mixed Choir Invitational
October 15 Chorale Concert 730 PM PAC (optional)
October 19 Men and Women Dress rehearsal 6-9 pm PAC
October 20 Men and Women Fall Concert 730 PM CALL 630PM
October 24 High School Men's Choir Invitational Concert
November 14 Chorale Concert 730 PM PAC
November 29 Dress rehearsal Holiday Concert 6-10 PM PAC
November 30 Woodlands Pavilion Concert 6-10 PM leaving time TBA
December 1/2 SHSU Music Dept. Holiday Concert 730 pm PAC CALL TBA

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>