

Syllabus MUEN 1141 and 2141
Concert Choir
Instructor: Dr. Debbie Gelber
FA117 (Office Hours Posted on Door)

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 FOUR 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.