Meeting Times

T/TR rehearsals: January 19 - April 29, use this time to work on your virtual choir practice files but all members must reserve these rehearsal times throughout the semester in case we need a full 4 days of rehearsals virtually or face-to-face.

MW 1:50 - 3:10pm (virtual rehearsals until March 22nd)

After March 21st,

Option one: Resume F2F instructions

Masks and minimum 6ft social distancing required.

Option two: Continue Virtual instructions

Contact Information

Dr. James Han james.han@lamar.edu

Cell: (409) 474-9137

Room 215, Telephone: 880-7189

Office Hours: MW 10:30am, MW 12pm, TR 11-12pm; other times by appt.

Catalog Description

This course establishes advanced performance tools, leadership and in-depth understanding of cultural and historical perceptions.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor/audition Offered: Fall

Objectives

- Each student will gain increased knowledge in the study of varied choral music and literature.
- Each student will develop leadership skills through participation in sectional and full rehearsals.

Outcomes

Music ensembles are laboratory courses in aesthetics. Everybody is part of the lab team. The success or failure of any participant in a music ensemble affects all others. Therefore a cooperative effort on the part of all is an absolute prerequisite to a satisfactory musical outcome. In other words:

No matter how well you sing individually, you still need to ensure that others can achieve at a high level. You are not only responsible for yourself but for every single other singer in the choir.

You are especially responsible for one or two others. How’s that for carrying a heavy burden? Seem unrealistic? Think about any work environment. As a part of a company or team, you can do your part well and still have a final outcome that is less than it should be.
The grading policy for this class is designed to make you responsible for not only yourself, but to your fellow singers. It encourages responsibility to the whole class while recognizing the fact that you are ultimately responsible for your own achievement.

Course Materials

Performance Attire

Men- Tuxedos: black pants, coat, white button-up shirt, black bowtie, black socks, black dress shoes, black socks.

Women- concert dresses, black closed-toe dress shoes, black hose.

Black binder

Music sheet will be provided.

Course Policies

No talking, No talking, NO TALKING!

No chewing Gum

No Cell phone

Fully engaged choir membership and singing posture

Perfect attendance

Listening to others and blending

Of course, Bring your music

Virtual Class Behavioral Contract

1. Lamar Instructor is responsible for the control of students’ behavior while attending class. This responsibility carries with its authority to administer disciplinary action for misbehavior. Instructor reserves the right to remove students from virtual classes for misbehavior at the parent or guardian’s expense.

2. Be at the appointed places with the necessary equipment at the appointed time. Attendance will be taken at every class.

3. Use, advertisement, or possession of drugs, alcohol, mood or mind-altering substances, knives, firearms, weapons of any kind, fireworks, matches, or lighters are not permitted at any time! Use, advertisement, or possession of any of the items listed above will result in immediate removal from the class.

4. No cellphone or other electronic device use is permitted during rehearsals, performances, or classes when use is unrelated to the class event. Use of electronics for unrelated purposes must be limited to designated breaktime.

5. Do not wear inappropriate clothing. Review our class dress code guidelines to ensure that you are not out of dress code. Students who are out of dress code will be removed from class sessions and required to change their attire before returning to the virtual class.
Due to CDC recommendations and guidelines, this class does not allow students to share the same physical space with any other student or class related personnel, other than family members, during any virtual class event. All virtual class events are to be completed independently and will not require or expect any students to be in the physical presence of another student.

Non-class guests are not allowed at any virtual class functions except the Final Virtual Concert.

No PDA- Public Display of Affection.

Your login name for all class events must be YOUR legal first and last name only.

Ensure that no personal or inappropriate items are within view of your camera while participating in any class event. Review our Video/Camera Surroundings and Backgrounds Policy to ensure that you are not in violation.

Ensure that your online learning space is free of distractions and is in a safe location.

Be respectful to your Instructor, peers, and all other people you encounter virtually.

Do not engage in behavior that cause distraction to yourself or others during class events. Consequences will begin with, and are not limited to, immediate removal from the class.

The use of inappropriate language will not be tolerated!

No student will be permitted to rejoin a Zoom meeting once the session has concluded.

Respect all copyright and royalty laws. Review the Lamar University Virtual Guidelines and Contract Agreement which you have signed and that states this information.

Sick? Tell an instructor!

All students must review, understand, and sign all class documents and disclaimers prior to the start of the virtual class. Questions may be directed to jhan@lamar.edu.

Any action not specifically stated in this list but judged to be "out of line" will be reported to the instructor and appropriate action taken. Consequences will begin with, and are not limited to, immediate removal from the event or class.

Virtual Class Dress Code
A change of attire would be required if the student was showing any private areas of the body, was wearing see-through clothing, or if the attire was distracting to the student's or other students' online learning environment. No piece of clothing should be falling off...ie. Spaghetti straps...etc...., should not show large portions of the chest region, and bottoms like shorts and skirts should not show anything above the mid-thigh. We expect students to follow the above basic guidelines. These dress code guidelines are in effect for all virtual events. Being deemed out of dress code will result in immediate removal from the class or event and an appropriate change of attire will be required before reentry to any class event.

**Video/Camera Surroundings and Backgrounds Policy**

Students and Faculty must keep the areas of view within their video camera clear of personal or inappropriate items during all virtual class-related events. Backgrounds and surroundings within camera view should show the most minimal amount of one's personal living space and a plain background is most advised. We also advise that participants set up their camera in a way that show no more than the waist up, whether sitting or standing. However, as long as participants are following all dress code and video/camera surroundings and backgrounds policies, there will be no violation.

Items that should not be in view include, and are not limited to, photos (ex. personal family photos, other personal photos), a sleeping area, any type of item that could be used to personally identify an individual, their home dwelling, or people within the individual's personal relations, additional clothing items that may be hanging or scattered...etc...

If using a virtual background during camp events, the virtual background must be class appropriate according to the above stated policies. A virtual background should not show any content that would violate any class rule, expectation, or guideline.

Any student with a real or virtual background or surrounding that is deemed to be in violation by any class personnel, will be removed from the class event and a change of background or surrounding will be required before reentry to the class.

The following of these guidelines are mandatory for all class participants and will help us in our effort to ensure the safety and privacy for all participants in our online setting.

**Copyright and Royalty Protection**

All students are required to purchase the textbook in order to participate in the class.

We will record our own accompaniment files rather than use other accompaniment tracks. This will ensure that the camp is free from copyright violations or royalty issues. These accompaniment recordings will be used in our live Zoom sessions as well as in our virtual choir concert. We will receive recording right permission from publishers to create our own recordings.

All camp participants will be required to sign the copyright disclaimer and agreement below:
Lamar University Virtual Class Guidelines and Contract Agreement

Purchase of the textbook is required for participation in the virtual class. The copying, downloading, or sharing of the music is not permitted by law or by the university, the copying, downloading, or sharing of accompaniment or voice practice tracks is not permitted by law or by the university, and it is not permitted by law or by the university to copy, download, or share any virtual class resource, such as, and not limited to, recorded sectionals or masterclasses...etc...with any other person. Only Lamar University Virtual class participants may access any class resource and the copying, downloading, or sharing of any of these resources is not permitted by law or by the university.

Lamar University and the Lamar University Virtual Class are not responsible for the violation of any copyright law or royalty violation and any violator will be held accountable directly by law and independently from the university and class.

Testimonial and Photo Release Form

The undersigned, being of full and legal age, does hereby agree and consent that Lamar University, its successors, legal representatives and assigns may use and reproduce my name, address, photograph and/or movie film, video tape recordings or audio tape recordings of myself; and circulate, use, publish, broadcast and otherwise distribute the same for any and all purposes including advertising, publications and other purposes of trade without limitation and/or compensation to me. The agreement also includes authorization of same for my minor children, if applicable, and includes permission to quote all or part of my statement either attached or on the reverse side of this release (with the privilege of editing or rearranging but not changing the original meaning). This release includes the recording of properties owned or managed by me.

The undersigned, by the signing of this testimonial, and named person or persons, firm or corporation of, hereby exempt Lamar University from any and all liability growing out of the use of my name and names of my minor children, if applicable, address and photograph or photographs, movie film, video tape recordings or audio tape recordings.

Instructional Guide and Suggestions

1. Students will receive invitations to attend virtual class events from the instructor.

2. Click the invitation link to login and join the class. Login and join a minimum of 10 minutes before each scheduled class to ensure time for technical difficulty troubleshooting and to ensure your timely arrival and full participation for each event. Your instructor will admit you into each event once you have logged in and joined.

3. When you login and join any class and event, ensure that you are following all of the rules, guidelines, regulations, and expectations of the class.

4. When you login and join a class, ensure that your view settings are set so that you can view the speaker, ensure that your microphone is muted, and fully listen to and participate in the instructor’s lecture.

5. Your camera must be on throughout each event so instructor may check for understanding and may monitor participation and behavior. For privacy and safety, you must review and follow all guidelines, rules, and expectations in relation to dress code and video/camera surroundings and backgrounds during each class/event.
6. If you have a question or need to be excused from an event, type your request in the chat box.

7. Your login name for all virtual class/events MUST be your LEGAL first and last name. The name of a friend, parent/guardian, other family member, teacher, nickname…etc….are not permissible.

8. You will also receive pre-recorded masterclass invitations, you will need to click the provided links to follow instructions.

9. Review all guidelines, rules, and expectations related to copyrights, royalties, and responsibilities related to such topics to ensure that you are not in violation when accessing any resource.

10. Review the class dress code, behavioral contract, video/camera surroundings and backgrounds policy, and all other class information and documents to ensure that you are not in violation during or after any camp event and to ensure that you understand your responsibilities.

11. It is highly suggested that students use an Ethernet Cable throughout participation in the virtual class.

12. Students must communicate difficulties, questions, and needs to instructor. Instructor will provide assistance and suggestions as able.

13. It is highly recommended that students stay well hydrated for optimal vocal health throughout the virtual class.

14. Attendance will be taken at every class/event. Ensure that you arrive in a timely manner and communicate with class instructor if there will be any changes in your attendance.

Accreditation Standards

Educator Preparation Standards URL

This course addresses the following Texas State Educator Standards in music:

Teacher Knowledge and Skills, Standards I, II, III, IV, VI

Applications: 1.1s, 1.2s, 1.3s, 1.4s, 1.5s, 1.6s, 1.7s, 1.8s, 1.9s, 1.10s, 1.12s, 1.15s, 1.16s, 2.1s, 2.5s, 3.1s, 3.2s, 3.3s, 3.5s, 4.1s, 4.2s, 4.3s, 6.4s, 6.5s, 6.8s

For a complete listing of standards & applications, see:

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5938&menu_id=2147483671&menu_id2=794

Evaluation

Grade Scale: Attendance (60%) Instructor Points/Class Participation (40%)

(1 unexcused = 2 excused = 4 tardy attendances)
60 points = 1 unexcused = (or 2 excused or 4 tardy attendances)
50 points = 2 excused and 1 unexcused = (or 4 excused or 8 tardy attendances)
40 points = 2 excused and 2 unexcused = (or 6 excused or 12 tardy attendances)
F = more than 2 excused and 2 unexcused

Grade A: 90 - 100 points
Grade B: 80 - 89 points
Grade C: 70 - 79 points
Grade D: 60 - 69 points
Grade F: below 59 points

Late submission of assignment without consultation with the instructor will not be accepted and will receive 5 points deduction.

Attendance is very important but the most important aspect is how focused you are during classes and performances.

No concert/dress rehearsal means No grade

Excused Absences: To receive an excused absence, the student must inform the instructor before the missed class/required activity either by text or email. Sending excuse information during class/other required activities or after, will not be accepted.

Unexcused absences: Unexcused absences are absences made without informing the instructor prior to the start of the missed class/activity.

Tardies: Do not be tardy. If you will be tardy more than 3 minutes, you must text or email the instructor before the start of the class/other required activity. Sending a text/email does not mean you will not be counted tardy.

To send a text: (409) 474-9137 To email: james.han@lamar.edu

Medical excuses are only accepted with a doctor’s note. The doctor’s note must be submitted within a week of an absence/tardy. You must inform the instructor prior to an absence/tardy.

In an emergency situation, if you are unable to send a text or call, you must bring documentation such as a doctor’s note, hospital record, car towing receipt...etc...by the next attended rehearsal.

Any medical or emergency related excuses will be excused if the appropriate documents are submitted at the appropriate times.

Students with special needs or requiring special accommodations should contact the instructor at (409) 880-7189 as early as possible.

Institutional Policies

Academic Honesty Policy

Lamar University expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action.

The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include failure of the assignment and/or course up to suspension or expulsion from the university. The penalty may vary by instructor.
Additional information is available on the Academic Policy website (https://students.lamar.edu/academic-support/academic-policies.html).

Course Drop Policy

Students may drop a course and receive a grade of "Q" during the penalty-free period of the semester or session. For drops after this penalty-free period, grades are recorded as "Q" or "F," indicating the student was passing or failing at the time of the drop. A grade of "Q" may not be assigned unless an official drop has been processed through the Records Office. Students may drop a course online up to the census day by logging into Self-Service Banner. After the census day, courses must be dropped through the Records Office. For additional help, contact the academic advisor or the Records Office at registration@lamar.edu. Students may not drop a course during the last 20 percent of the term. Students should check the academic calendar at https://www.lamar.edu/academic-calendar for specific dates.

Students with Disability Policy

Lamar University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is located in the Communication building, room 105. Office staff collaborate with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable accommodations.

If you have, or think you may have, a disability (e.g. mental health, attentional, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical), please contact the DRC at 409-880-8347 or drc@lamar.edu to arrange a confidential appointment with the Director of the DRC to explore possible options regarding equitable access and reasonable accommodations.

If you are registered with the DRC and have a current letter requesting reasonable accommodations, we encourage you to contact your instructor early in the semester to review how the accommodations will be applied in the course.

Additional information is available at the DRC website (http://www.lamar.edu/disability-resource-center/).

Academic Support

Academic Support can be located at https://www.lamar.edu/students/#acad-supp.

There are many areas (i.e. Advising, Writing Center, etc.) of academic support. Each area provides their own specific contact information and days and hours of operation.

Student Services

Lamar University recognizes that students may experience challenges that hinder success in their academics and/or college experience. We believe in giving all students access to resources that allow them to overcome these challenges. If you are struggling with stress, procrastination, anger management, depression, anxiety, substance abuse and/or eating disorders, please reach out to our counseling professionals at the Student Health Center at 880-8466 to call for an appointment or visit our website https://www.lamar.edu/students/student-engagement/student-health-center/index.html for more information about our services.

Students who face challenges securing food or housing, tuition and/or books and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the LU Strong program. The program is located in the Setzer Student Center, Room 230 at 409-880-8458 or at lustrong@lamar.edu. Furthermore, please notify your professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any additional resources they may possess.

Your information and situation will be treated with the utmost privacy and is protected by Texas law. These services are available to all currently enrolled students at Lamar University and Lamar Institute of Technology.

Information on Student Services can be located at http://students.lamar.edu/index.html. There are many resources (i.e. Course schedules, important phone numbers, etc.) available. Each area provides their own specific contact information and days and hours of operation.

Academic Continuity Policy

In the event of an announced campus closure in excess of four days due to hurricane or other disaster, students are expected to check Lamar University’s website and login to LU Connect for instructions about continuing courses remotely.
Emergency Procedures

Many types of emergencies can occur on campus; instructions for severe weather or violence/active shooter, fire, or chemical release can be found at the Office of Environmental Health/Safety and Risk Management webpage.

Severe Weather

Follow the directions of the instructor or emergency personnel.

Seek shelter in an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, putting as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

If you are in a multi-story building and you cannot get to the ground floor, pick a hallway in the center of the building.

Stay in the center of the room, away from exterior walls, windows, and doors.

Violence/Active Shooter

CALL - 7777 from a campus phone (Text 409-241-8002 from a cell phone). Note: Calling 911 from either a campus or cell phone will contact the City of Beaumont dispatch rather than the LU police.

AVOID - If possible, self-evacuate to a safe area outside the building. Follow directions of police officers.

DENY - Barricade the door with desks, chairs, bookcases or any other items. Move to a place inside the room where you are not visible. Turn off the lights and remain quiet. Remain there until told by police it is safe.

DEFEND - Use chairs, desks, cell phones or whatever is immediately available to distract and/or defend yourself and others from attack.

Copyright Policy Statement

Copyright is defined as the ownership and control of the intellectual property in original works of authorship which are subject to copyright law. As an institution of higher learning that values intellectual integrity, Lamar University prohibits the distribution of published materials (print or electronic) in violation of copyright law.

LU Connect Portal

Students are asked to obtain a Lamar Electronic Account username and password so they can log onto the LU CONNECT website. Students may get information on how to get into the LU CONNECT website from the University’s homepage by clicking on the LU CONNECT link on the left top corner of the screen. Follow the steps to secure your LU CONNECT username and password.

LU Learn/Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS)

Students will utilize the Lamar University’s Learning Management System (LMS), Blackboard, for online courses.

For Blackboard technical support go to https://blackboardsupport.lamar.edu.

Phone: 866-585-1738

Phone and chat are available 24/7/365

Exams and quizzes taken within LULearn (Blackboard) may require online proctoring. Lamar University uses Proctorio for online proctoring. For additional information about online proctoring click here and view details under proctoring services.

Network Use

ACCEPTABLE USE

Students must respect the integrity and security of Lamar University computer systems and network, and the privacy and preferences of other users. Responsibility for learning about and complying with Lamar University Acceptable Use Policy ultimately rests with the individual. The network may be used to download, copy, or store any software, shareware, digital media
files or freeware, as long as the use complies with copyright law licensing agreements, and campus policies, such as storage space limitations and network bandwidth restrictions. The network may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates United States or local laws.

UNACCEPTABLE USE

The network may not be used for commercial purposes. Advertising and sponsorships on Lamar University websites is restricted. In addition, students may not permit other persons to use their usernames, passwords, accounts or disk space, or disclose their usernames, passwords or account information to any third party. Students may not log on to someone else's account, internet address, or other network codes, or attempt to access another user's files. Students may not create false or dummy accounts to impersonate someone else. Students may not try to gain unauthorized access ("hacking") to the files or computer systems of any other person or organization. Students may not impersonate another person by forging e-mail, web pages or other electronic media. Students who maliciously access, alter, delete, damage or destroy any computer system, computer network, computer program, or data will be subject to disciplinary action by Lamar University, and criminal prosecution as well. Students may not disrupt or attempt to disrupt network traffic, and they may not attempt to monitor or capture network traffic in any way. Finally, students may not intentionally create, store, display, print or transmit information that violates the university's Sexual Harassment Policy.

Netiquette (Online Etiquette) Statement

Please adhere to the same standards of behavior and professional respect online that you would follow in face-to-face communication with others, but most particularly when writing email and when taking part in collaborative and discussion board activities. Lamar provides access to network resources, including the Internet, in order to support learning and to prepare students for the 21st century world. Students, however, are expected to adhere to the Lamar University Acceptable Use Policies when Using Networks. More comprehensive student code of conduct can be found at https://students.lamar.edu/academic-support/code-of-conduct.html.

GENERAL GUIDELINES TO RESPECT ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Respect the right of each person to disagree with others.
- Treat people the same as you would face-to-face.
- Respect the time of others.

GUIDELINES WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS (EMAIL, DISCUSSIONS, BLOGGING, AND ETC.)

- Always sign your name to any contribution you choose to make.
- Be constructive in your responses to others in the class.
- Do not use all caps (Doing so may be interpreted as shouting).
- Re-read your postings before sending them.
- Always think before you write.
- Respond respectfully.
- Use appropriate grammar and structure.
- Spell-check your postings.
- Use short paragraphs focused on one idea.
- Use appropriate business language at all times.

Technical Support

Technical Support can be located at http://students.lamar.edu/it-services-and-support/index.html.

Phone: 409-880-2222
Email: servicedesk@lamar.edu

Hours of Operation (CST):
Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m.-12:00 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 3:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Attendance Verification
Students must complete an Attendance Verification Quiz for ALL COURSES - both on-campus and online - in which they are enrolled each term by the third class day to comply with U.S. Department of Education attendance requirements. Failure to complete this quiz by the deadline may result in loss of course enrollment and/or financial aid. The quiz is located in EVERY COURSE through LULearn (Blackboard) even if the course meets on campus.

COVID-19 Requirements

The Lamar community is beginning this semester during a health crisis, which is unprecedented for a university and which has erupted on a massive scale. President Evans has outlined and required the following personal mitigation steps.

- Adhering to social distancing protocols (6 feet)
- Following enhanced personal hygiene practices, including regular handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizing products when soap and water are not readily available
- Self-screening for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to campus (or leaving dorm room if a campus resident) and seeking medical care if feeling ill
- Wearing masks or other face coverings inside all buildings at all times except when alone in an office or dorm room

Students taking this class are required to wear masks or face coverings in the classroom at all times. Faculty and students share the same goals during this health crisis; we want success in this course, and we want the campus to remain open. Members of the Lamar community share significant and unrelenting responsibilities. As members of the larger world community, we have not only the opportunity but the duty to develop and to exhibit a sense of social responsibility. Masks protect those people around you, and everyone has to wear a mask for this measure to benefit all of us. During this Coronavirus pandemic, wearing a mask is a sign of mutual respect. The journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* suggests that “among all strategies for reducing transmission, wearing face masks may be the central variable that determines the spread of the virus.”

We are responsible for each other. Each of us has to protect the Lamar family and to remember that we have especially vulnerable populations among us; for example, some students have chronic illnesses or disabilities, some students have children, some students are older, and some faculty are older. Our individual choices are of the utmost importance. The university has confidence that all students will recognize their part in maintaining a safe environment for the campus community and that students will make the best choices while on and off-campus. In large part, your behavior will determine if the campus remains open for the entire semester. Also, an outbreak on the campus would affect not only our campus but the regional communities. Universities have an ethical responsibility to lead and to model good behavior. You, the students, are the heart of the university. Everyone has to participate because an outbreak becomes everyone’s problem.

Students who exhibit any of the symptoms of COVID-19 have a civic responsibility not to expose others to the virus. If a student has symptoms like a fever or a cough, the student should seek medical help and not attend class. As President Evans has stated, “In the spirit of caring for one another and ensuring the health of each other, it is important that we accept a role of responsibility.”

Any student who has a medical condition or a disability that would prohibit the student from wearing a mask should provide documentation to the Lamar Disabilities Resource Center.

Course Subject Outline

Lamar University A Cappella Choir in person or virtual choir concert (TBA)

Additional Items