**Meeting Times**

MW 01:50 PM-03:10 PM JAMES M SIMMONS MUSIC BUILDING 00100; TR 02:20 PM-03:40 PM JAMES M SIMMONS MUSIC BUILDING 00100

**Contact Information**

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**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

**Outcomes**

Methodology  
Each student will be assigned proper research subject in choral music. A proper research requires time/dedication and hard work. After research and consultations, each student must be able to explain their assigned work in written paper that others can fully understand. Specific guidelines will be provided by instructor individually.

**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.

**Course Policies**

Grading Policy  
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.

No talking, No talking, NO TALKING!

No chewing Gum
No Cell phone
Fully engaged choir membership
Perfect attendance
Listening to others and blending
Of course, Bring your music

✓ Evaluation

Grade Scale: Attendance (60%) Instructor Points/Class Participation (40%)
(1 unexcused = 2 excused = 4 tardy attendances)
60 points = 1 unexcused = (2 excused or 4 tardy attendances)
50 points = 2 excused and 1 unexcused = (4 excused or 8 tardy attendances)
40 points = 2 excused and 2 unexcused = (6 excused or 12 tardy attendances)
F = more than 2 excused and 2 unexcused

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.

☞ 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 (mailto: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 (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 http://students.lamar.edu/academic-support/index.html (http://students.lamar.edu/academic-support/index.html).

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

Information on Student Services can be located at http://students.lamar.edu/index.html (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 (https://www.lamar.edu/about-lu/administration/risk-management/index.html) 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.

**Course Subject Outline**

**Concert Schedule:**

Aug 27th, Monday- First class "Welcome" - get music and syllabus, sectional hearing

Aug 29th, Wednesday- Regular rehearsals begin

Oct 19th & 20th (Fri. & Sat.) - Dallas Recruiting Trip

Nov. 15th, Thursday- Lamar's Veterans Day Luncheon Concert

11:15am - 12:15pm (You will receive an excuse letter for your classes.)

Nov. 16th, Friday- BICS & Lamar Choirs

1st Orchestra rehearsal at First UMC in downtown Beaumont from 6:30pm to 10:00pm Mozart & "Zadok the Priest" by G.F. Handel

Nov. 17th, Saturday- Final dress rehearsal from 9:30am to 1:00pm

Nov. 18th, Sunday- BICS & Lamar Choirs: Concert Day

Call time, 2:00pm
Concert starts at 3:00pm

Nov. 26th, Monday- Handel "Messiah" final choral rehearsal at 7:00 pm in the recital hall

Nov. 30th, Friday- "Messiah" full rehearsal w/orchestra starts at 1:00 pm at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica (block your time from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.) (You will receive an excuse letter for your classes.)

Nov. 30th, Friday- "Messiah" Concert
Call time, 6:45 pm
Concert starts at 7:30 pm
Dec. 7th & 8th (Fri. & Sat.) - Lamar "Canta" workshop in Dallas at Brookhaven College (only selected members)
Dec. 11th, Tuesday - Lamar University Retirees Association annual Christmas luncheon at 11:30 am (8th-floor reception center) (only selected members)

Additional Items

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 (http://www.lamar.edu) 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

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 names 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 respectably.
- 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.