A Cappella
MULB-1070

Fall 2023  Section 01  0 Credits  08/17/2023 to 12/07/2023  Modified 08/25/2023

Meeting Times

MW 3:50-5:15pm and TTH 2:00-3:25pm

Contact Information

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Room 215, Telephone: 880-7189
Office Hours: MW 11am TR 11am-1pm; other times by appt.

Course 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.

Student Learning 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 including choral proper postures (sitting and standing)

Perfect attendance

Listening to others and blending

Of course, Bring your music every rehearsal

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

Grading and Assignments
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

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

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.

**Course Subject Outline**

**Cardinal View Presentation**

Saturday, Nov 11th, 9AM – 11:00AM

At the REC center

**Lamar Opera Theatre**

Rehearsals:

Thursday, Oct. 26th 6-10PM

Friday, 1st Performance, 6-10PM

Saturday, 2nd Performance, 6-10PM

**Messiah Concert**

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Dec. 1st, 1-5PM

Concert: Friday, Dec. 1st, 7:30PM

At the St. Anthony Basilica Cathedral

**Local High School Visits:**

We will visit the high schools during our choir rehearsal time

**Additional Items**

**Institutional Policies**

**COVID-19 Statement**

As we begin the new academic year, the COVID-19 virus that has challenged us since 2020 persists. Important differences in outcomes are observed, however, as safe and effective vaccines and therapeutic agents that reduce the risk of severe illness are now available. Consequently, we anticipate
that our campus community will continue to be impacted by the virus and we encourage all faculty, staff, and students to practice individual safety protocols at their discretion.

We recommend good personal hygiene practices including regular handwashing and/or use of hand sanitizing products when soap and water are not readily available. Please show respect to those who choose to practice social distancing measures and wear face coverings.

Vaccines are available to those who seek them throughout the region and at the Student Health Center. Please self-screen for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and seek medical attention if you begin to feel ill.

**Academic Continuity Policy**

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

**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).

**ChatGPT Policy**

“Students should not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) regenerative applications to complete course assignments or for any other academic activities unless permitted explicitly by the instructor. AI, or any other machine generated information, should be used as a supplemental resource and should not replace traditional academic activities.”

**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.

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 Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) 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 ARC at 409-880-8347 or arc@lamar.edu to arrange a confidential appointment with the Director of the ARC to explore possible options regarding equitable access and reasonable accommodations.

If you are registered with the ARC 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 ARC 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](https://www.lamar.edu/students/student-engagement/student-health-center/index.html) for more information about our services.

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](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.

### 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](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 form 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 ([http://www.lamar.edu](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 Lamar University’s Learning Management System (LMS), Blackboard, for online courses.

For Blackboard technical support go to [https://blackboardsupport.lamar.edu](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. For additional information about online proctoring, click [here](https://www.lamar.edu/lu-online/technology-support/index.html) 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 emails 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*. A more comprehensive student code of conduct can be found at [https://students.lamar.edu/academic-support/code-of-conduct.html](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](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.