A large chorus which performs suitable music from all historical periods. Participation in concerts on campus, field trips, occasional brief section rehearsals and overnight tour in spring semester also required. Schedule of work outside class announced at the beginning of each semester. Each student will provide his own standard performance dress. This course may be taken 4 times.

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6. To provide teaching opportunities for superior students through work as soprano, alto, tenor, and bass section leaders, and occasional director or accompanist.
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COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Limbering, posture, and breathing exercises preparatory to singing.
B. Vocalizes (vocal exercise) for development of agility, purity of vowels, growth of volume, clarity of diction, variation of color and dynamic levels, extension of range, accuracy of intonation, choral blend.
C. Spoken study of language. Diction, comprehension of text and translation and meaning.
D. Occasional separation of chorus into small units-soprano, alto, tenor, bass--each led in turn by instruction, accompanist and student section leaders to solve specific problems more rapidly than possible with entire group.
E. Utilization of various drills and rehearsal techniques derived from music being sung, to facilitate as rapid learning as possible, for the wide range of abilities and preparations inherent in the students.
F. Attention to matters of conduct, grooming, dress, and stage movement appropriate for a disciplined ensemble.
G. Integration of above into stylistically accurate performance.
H. Final product-public performances on and off campus as demonstrations, field trips, concerts, tours, etc.
I. The most advanced singers will be offered opportunities to work as tutors, section leaders, soloists, assistant conductors.
J. Hosting of high school invitational choral festival.

LABORATORY CONTENT:

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lab:
B. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:
COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Out-of-class Assignments

Writing Assignments
Students will perform a minimum of two different major concerts per semester

Reading Assignments
Octavos and major choral works selected from the standard mixed-chorus repertoire. Selections vary every nine weeks.

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Short Quizzes
Projects (ind/group)
Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:
Students are required to monitor their own progress, preparing the music, and listening to make needed adjustments during rehearsals and performance.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:
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TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:

Other:
1. Uniform dress is required for performances. Those who need help with cost can apply for assistance from choir funds through the Financial Aids Office. Generally, women can make their own dresses, men will wear tuxedos purchased second-hand at reduced rates.

LIBRARY:

Adequate library resources include:

Comments:

Attachments:

Attached Files