



MUSC 2106

Division: Fine Arts

Department: Music

Course: MUSC 2106

Title: Chamber Orchestra

Catalog Description:

The course provides training and practical playing experience in a wide range of works for chamber orchestra. Concerts and special programs are given throughout the year in which the students will be required to participate. This is a select, auditioned group. This course is repeatable for credit.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Fall, Spring

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 1; Lecture: 2; Lab: 2

Clock/Hour Requirements: 0

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Prerequisites: by audition

Justification:

This ensemble serves both music majors and non-music majors by providing an opportunity for students to perform standard orchestral works. The National Association of Schools of Music requires that member institutions serve both of these student populations. Through quality performance of significant literature, students will share this art with fellow student musicians and the composers whose music they create and preserve. This group provides an opportunity for outstanding players to learn and perform challenging literature. Orchestra is required for all string music majors in each semester of their programs both at this institution and at transfer institutions. Non-majors are granted elective credit upon transfer.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn to perform on their instrument in a variety of musical styles and with the proper techniques. Students will play in a proper musical style in relation to history using correct bowings, phrasing, dynamics, tone, rhythm and pitch.

Content:

Music that focuses on learning to perform in a variety of styles will be assigned by the instructor. Chosen music will also help the students to perform in the proper musical style using correct bowings, phrasing, dynamics, tone, rhythm, and pitch.

General Education Outcomes:

9) Respond with informed sensitivity to an artistic work or experience.

Students are taught to perform in the proper historical style using class demonstrations from the teacher, audio

and video recordings, and concert attendance at local and statewide performances. Students are also encouraged to study privately on his or her major instrument. Students are required to practice a certain number of hours per week. As part of fulfilling this requirement students are allowed to listen to recordings of present musical literature in the library. Rehearsals are required to improve performance by providing feedback.

Applied Education Outcomes:

1) Students will acquire entry-level skills specific to and appropriate for employment in their chosen field of study.

Students in both education and performance career paths will become more musically proficient. Because performers and teachers must frequently demonstrate a given passage of music or technical skill, participation in a musical ensemble and private lessons provides a valuable experience for any student. Participation in an ensemble specifically increases a student's understanding of musical style, bowing, and dynamics.

Key Performance Indicators:

Students will perform with the correct technique and musical style. Students will be graded on the following criteria: Attendance (33%), Daily Practice (33%), and participation in performances (34%). Percentages are approximate.

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

Assigned by Instructor

Optimum Class Size: 15

Maximum Class Size: 30

Signatures:

I hereby submit this course syllabus:

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I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the Music Department:

Steve Meredith, DMA, Associate Professor, Chair

I hereby find this course consistent with the goals and resources of the Fine Arts Division:

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I have discussed the need for library resources related to this class with the person submitting the syllabus:

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