Stetson University School of Music
Stetson University Choral Union

Student Syllabus
Spring Semester, 201

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Semester Objectives. The objectives for the work of the Choral Union for this semester will be the following:

1. To study, rehearse, and perform John Rutter's Requiem, a late Twentieth-Century masterwork for chorus and orchestra.
2. To emphasize healthy vocal production while achieving excellence in performance practice.
3. To develop a desirable blend of voices and balance among sections of the choir.
4. To produce dramatic and compelling interpretations of this semester’s compositions, to including proper execution of good intonation, phrasing, diction, and articulation.
5. To develop a sense of esprit de corps that unites the various voices into a persuasive choral instrument.
6. To emphasize individual accountability in preparing parts with pitch and rhythmic accuracy.
7. To present a performance that represents Stetson University with distinction.

Choral Union Schedule Spring 2016
Rehearsals:
Feasel Rehearsal Hall in McMahan Hall on the Stetson University Campus
(Corner of Woodland Blvd. and Michigan Ave. in DeLand, FL)
Monday Evenings 7:15 to 9:15PM

January
11 first rehearsal
18 (No Rehearsal; MLK Day)
25 regular rehearsal

February
1 regular rehearsal
8 regular rehearsal
15 regular rehearsal
22 regular rehearsal

March
29 SPRING BREAK (no rehearsal)

April
4 regular rehearsal
11 regular rehearsal

May
MANDATORY FINAL REHEARSAL April 18 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 7:00 PM CALL

SPRING CONCERT April. 19 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6:00 PM CALL

Evaluation. The primary criteria for evaluation will be attendance and the completion of simple homework assignments. Homework assignments may include copying score markings into one’s personal score, or listening to one’s part on the internet to solidify pitch accuracy. An absence reduces the grade by a letter. Two tardies equal one absence in the grade calculation.
Excused absences may be granted due to illness, family emergencies, or schedule conflicts with other university-sanctioned activities requiring the student’s presence. To be considered “excused,” any
Absence must be approved by the professor prior to the rehearsal. Students are expected to be present on time at the beginning of each rehearsal. Choir members are expected to be attentive and prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Seating assignments are also a part of a singer’s participation, as is professional behavior during rehearsals. Singers must be ready to follow conductor instructions, which precludes talking with one’s neighbor during rehearsal. A pencil in hand is required.

Note: A passing grade cannot be submitted for a student at the end of the semester until full payment has been received for the Choral Union printed music. Each singer must have an original, purchased score for each of the compositions in order to comply with this policy.

Ticketing for the Choral Union concert will follow School of Music standard protocol and pricing. At this time Choral Union members do not receive complimentary tickets.

**Attire.** The Choral Union performance attire shall be:
For Males: Males shall perform in a black tuxedo (dinner jacket) with black shoes and socks. For Females: Females shall perform in a black dress, which must have sleeves (short or long), go below the knees, and cover the torso close to the neck. Further instructions will be given in rehearsals. Stetson Students in another Stetson Choir may wear their regular concert attire from that other ensemble.

**Scores/Printed Music.** Each singer must purchase (or supply their own 1986 Hinshaw Edition of Rutter's Requiem) and bring to each rehearsal original scores for all assigned compositions. The fee for the score is 2015 is 10.00. Payment may be made by cash, check payable to Stetson University, or online by credit card at the website posted in this syllabus. NOTE: Students do NOT pay the choir dues. The dues one hears about in rehearsal are ONLY for community members who are not registered Stetson University students. Even if you are not taking Choral Union for course credit, if you are registered as a student you still do not pay the dues.

**Internet Access.** Choral Union members must be able to access the internet and the choral union websites for other policies and homework assignments. All policies listed at that website will be in force and constitute a portion of this syllabus. This abbreviated syllabus is formally given to reduce paper waste.

**Rehearsal Recordings:**
The conductor will provide rehearsal recordings as necessary for Rutter's Requiem. Copyright laws forbid the posting of rehearsal recordings for this specific composition.

The Academic Success Center provides academic and disability resources for all Stetson University students. Students who anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of a course should meet with the course instructor to discuss ways to ensure full participation. If disability-related accommodations are necessary, please register with the Academic Success Center (822-7127; www.stetson.edu/asc). The student, course instructor, and the ASC will plan how best to coordinate accommodations. The ASC also coordinates free tutoring on campus for students. You can meet with a tutor to review principles, learn content-specific study strategies, and enhance content area knowledge. To review the available tutoring options and schedules, please see our website www.stetson.edu/asc/tutoring.php.