

Brazosport College

Syllabus

MUEN 2151 JAZZ SINGERS

An instrumental-vocal “Jazz” ensemble. Brazosport College provides various instrumental and vocal ensembles to give outstanding students an opportunity to perform music written for these instruments and vocal combinations. Selections will be made from members of the college’s large musical ensembles.

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To prepare, rehearse and perform jazz, popular, country and other musical styles in small vocal and instrumental ensemble setting.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Singers will be taught the following skills:

1. Microphone technique
2. Sound system set-up
3. Vocal techniques for “pop” and jazz singing
4. Vocal improvisation
5. Preparing ensemble music
6. Proper performance behavior and skills

Students who complete the course satisfactorily will experience music preparation for performance and performance/entertainment responsibilities and skills.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

There is no required textbook.

EVALUATIONS

Grade component

Attendance and punctuality at rehearsals and performances is required.

Grade Percentages:

40% - Class attendance and punctuality

50% - Attendance and participation in all performances

10% - Singing Quizzes

ATTENDANCE

Students are allowed **three free absences**. Each absence beyond three will result in minus five points off the student's final grade for the semester. Students must be in their place and prepared for class (have music and a pencil) at the class start time. **Three tardies equal one absence**. The instructor will attempt to accommodate students for extenuating circumstances. For performance call times, students must be prepared and in their places at the designated time to earn full credit for the performance grade.

Singing Quizzes

Due to the volume of repertoire that Jazz Singers will need to learn this semester, at times students may be asked to prepare for and take singing quizzes. Further details regarding singing quizzes will come at a later time and their use is also contingent on rehearsal progress in class.

NOTE: individual student score preparation outside of class will reduce the need for and number of singing quizzes during the semester. Quizzes will be assigned as needed.

Additionally, singing quizzes may be conducted outside of class if rehearsal time is limited. In these cases the instructor and student will schedule a separate time to do the quiz.

Student Responsibility

Jazz Singers is a class for skilled singers and will require the learning and preparation of challenging repertoire. As such, students are encouraged to rehearse the music on their own outside of class. The instructor will communicate how students should be preparing for class and which pieces, and or excerpts to focus on. Students are encouraged to work together in groups outside of class.

Additional Rehearsals

The instructor reserves the right to schedule additional rehearsals outside of normal class time. The instructor will strive to give students as much advance notice as possible and to accommodate students should scheduling conflicts arise. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled as needed and only under time intensive, performance-related demands.

COURSE EVALUATION

All instructors are required to ask students to evaluate the course and the instructor's performance through evaluation.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

BC is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor, 979-230-3236 for further information.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

BC assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the BC Student Guide for more information, this is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>, click on the link found on the left side of the homepage.

OTHER STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

This list is provided to assist students locate available services. Information about the BC Library is available at <http://www.brazosport.edu/~lib/Information.htm> or by calling 230-3310. Tutoring for Math, Reading, Writing, Biology, Chemistry, and other subjects is available in the Student Success Center, 230-3253. To contact the Communications & Fine Arts Division call 230-3224. The Student Services area provides the following services: Counseling and Advising, 230-3040; Financial Aid, 230-3294; and Student Activities, 230-3355.

STUDENT SUPPORT

To help you on your educational pathway, Brazosport College provides all students with access to TimelyCare. If you're stressed, challenged, or need help, download the TimelyCare app today! It's your free virtual health and well-being service platform, available 24/7, 365 days of the year. Search "TimelyCare" in your app store. Then, register with your student email to access your health care services.

Title IX Statement

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of

discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are Responsible Employees and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct.

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Office J-117D; 979-230-3355

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