

DIXIE STATE COLLEGE

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

Southwest Symphony Orchestra
Music 2260
Credit Hours: 1
Course Syllabus Fall Semester 2006
Class Times: W 7:00 – 9:30 PM

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Southwest Symphony is a community orchestra combining personnel from the surrounding communities and Dixie State College students. Prior experience is a necessity. Acceptance into the orchestra is by audition. Rehearsals will develop the basic ensemble skills of tone, intonation, balance, precision, technique and musicianship through the study and performance of appropriate music literature. Public concerts will be performed each semester (performance dates are listed below).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this course are to provide an environment where the student may 1) improve and refine their musical skills through rehearsal and performance, 2) be exposed to fine music literature, 3) work with others toward a common goal and 4) have performance opportunities.

POLICIES

- Each student will be issued a folder with music. Make sure you have your own music at each rehearsal. There will be a charge for lost or destroyed music. Be responsible.
- Students using DSC instruments are responsible for their care and maintenance. Instruments must be turned in at the end of the semester in good condition. Any excessive wear and tear or damage will be the responsibility of the student using the instrument.

DISABILITY STATEMENT

If you are a student with a physical or mental impairment and would like to request accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in Room 201 of the Student Services Center. The Disability Resource Center will determine your eligibility for services based upon complete professional documentation. If you are deemed eligible, the Disability Resource Center will further evaluate the effectiveness of your accommodation requests and will authorize reasonable accommodations that are appropriate for your disability.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Each student will begin the semester with a "C." In order to raise the grade, the following criterion will be used:

- Demonstration of musical preparation, a productive work ethic, a willingness to learn and a positive rehearsal attitude as well as contribution to class through regular attendance. If the student successfully demonstrates competence in these areas, the letter grade will be raised to "B." (note: please notify the instructor if you have a legitimate reason to miss a rehearsal)
- Concerts are considered exams. Participation in all performances (listed below) will raise the letter grade to "A."

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thur. Oct. 26 (Wash. Co. Outreach – 9 AM, Cox Auditorium)
Thur. Oct. 26 (Halloween Concert – 7:30 PM Cox Auditorium)

Thur. and Fri. Nov. 2 and 3 (Fall Concert – 7:30 PM, Cox Auditorium)

Sun. and Mon. Dec. 3 and 4 (Handel's "Messiah" – 7:30 PM Cox Auditorium)

- For all performances, attire is concert black (except for Halloween).