Course Title: Choral Music

Course #: 1741-1742

Course Description:
This Choral ensemble class is designed to give students interested in singing a music education. This is an entry-level class for the student with little or no vocal music experience. The fundamentals of singing technique will be explored along with the basics of music theory and sight singing. Performance will be an important component in this art. Students of all singing ability levels will work together in an ensemble setting to produce performances of both secular and religious repertoires.

UC/CSU Approval: “f” approved

Grade Level: 9-12

Estimated Homework Per Week: Students should practice their instrument (voice) approximately 20 minutes per day, or 2 hours per week.

Prerequisite: There are no required prerequisites for Choral Music. Beginners are welcome!

Recommended Prerequisite Skills: Prior musical experience (on any instrument or vocally) is helpful but not necessary.

Course Grade Categories:
- Practice and Rehearsals: 25%
- Assessments/Quizzes: 15%
- Written Assignments: 20%
- Performances: 25%
- Final Exam: 15%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:
This is a performance-based course.
- Warm-ups, exercises, techniques and sections of music can and will be assessed, via video or live performance.
- Students also demonstrate their knowledge and connection to the subject through music literacy (note reading/writing), as well as written expression (essay/journals).
- Additional grades are determined by rehearsal participation, effort and etiquette as well as ensemble performances at school events/concerts.
- Students will also show progress on their instrument (voice) through solo performance at the end of each semester.