

MUSIC 208-003

Chamber Music: UNIVERSITY HANDBELL CHOIR

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Fridays, 10:20-11:20 AM, A/C N 14

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Bulletin Description: Chamber Music is a course for music majors and minors in performance of various types of small ensemble music. Open to all University students. Prerequisite: Qualifying audition. Laboratory registration required. One semester, 1 credit.

Handbell Choir Course Description: The University Handbell Choir exists to provide a lab setting for the study, rehearsal, and performance of English handbell music literature, and the practice of handbell performance techniques. It is open, by audition, to all students who can read music and wish to learn about English handbells and handchimes.

Required Texts and Course Materials:

Music to be selected, distributed to students, and then returned.

Goals and Objectives:

1. To explore English handbells as a performance medium through reading, practicing, and performing music literature representing a wide variety of styles, functions, and difficulty levels.
2. To practice English handbell and handchime performance techniques in a laboratory setting.
3. To offer a supportive, cooperative setting in which students may expand their own musical understanding and skill, along with others of like interest.
4. When congruent with students' skills and abilities, to perform for appropriate university and/or community functions as called upon.
5. To present materials and techniques which may be appropriate for students who wish to ring or direct handbells in other settings.

Expectations:

1. The student will demonstrate an open mind, positive attitude, and cooperative personal nature during rehearsal, respecting the varied knowledge and skill levels of group members. As much as is practical, students will be given equal ringing opportunities, regardless of their prior abilities and experience.
2. The student will maintain regular attendance at all scheduled rehearsals, arriving on time and with all required materials. In the event of an unexpected emergency absence, the student will inform the instructor who will approve/disapprove the absence and contact ensemble members if needed.

3. The student will attend and participate in all scheduled on-campus performances.

4. The student will attend and participate in all scheduled off-campus performances, which will be decided and agreed upon by all ensemble members. Additional on-and off-campus performances will be considered a part of this syllabus when the instructor provides a schedule for the students.

Performances:

1. As of the printing of this syllabus, no on- or off-campus performances have been scheduled. Additional on-and off-campus performances will be decided and agreed upon by all ensemble members and will be considered a part of this syllabus when the instructor provides a schedule for the students.

Academic Integrity: Students will be held accountable in accordance with the procedures set forth in the UW-Oshkosh Student Discipline Code.

Grading:

An initial assumption of 100 points/100 percent will be made for all students. Points will be subtracted from 100 as indicated. It is therefore possible to fall below the allotted 100 points. No "incompletes" will be given. Final grades are not negotiable.

Performance Attendance	40 points (each unexcused absence)
Rehearsal Attendance	10 points (each unexcused absence)
Materials (music, folder, etc.)	5 points (each infraction)
Promptness	5 points (each unexcused tardy or early depart)

**Excused absences are those related to a personal injury, family death, extreme crisis, extreme family illness, doctor's excused illness, university sponsored and excused event, or those deemed excusable by the instructor with prior notification.*

Grading Scale:

A	93-100 points
A/B	88-92
B	87-83
B/C	78-82
C	73-77
C/D	68-72
D	63-67
F	62 and below