



Huron High School Music Department

Chorale – Course Syllabus

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 10:25 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this trimester, students will become familiar with and learn the basics of vocal music. The course will explore a variety of vocal literature that is representative of all styles of music. Students will learn how to develop the clarity and flexibility of their voice as well as learn how to sing in two-, three-, and four-part harmony as a member of an ensemble, both with and without accompaniment. Solo literature will be utilized when necessary to explore the ability of the voice to produce a variety of musical textures, sonorities, and expressive qualities. Activities for this course include performances such as singing the national anthem at sporting events as well as at least one standard concert. **THIS IS A PERFORMANCE BASED CLASS AND WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE DEDICATION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE MUSIC ASSIGNED AS WELL AS THE COMMITMENT TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ABOVE STATED MUSIC.**

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All required materials for this course can be found online at <http://www.huronbands.com/chorale.html> or will be handed out in class.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ATTENDANCE

The Huron High School Chorale is a performance based ensemble. Much like any other group, preparing with the entire unit and then performing with one or more people in absence is detrimental to the success of the group. It is imperative that all members of the Huron High School Chorale make the commitment to the ensemble to be in attendance not only during school, but outside of school hours for rehearsals and performances as well.



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GRADING SCALE (numbers in percentages)

100.0 and above = A+
99.5-92.5 = A
92-89.5 = A-
89-87.5 = B+
87-82.5 = B
82-79.5 = B-
79-77.5 = C+
77-72.5 = C
72-69.5 = C-
69-67.5 = D+
67-62.5 = D
62-59.5 = D-
59 and below = E

ASSIGNMENTS

- **Syllabus (25 points)**
 - At the beginning of the trimester each student will be asked to read over this syllabus with their parent/guardian and then will be required to have the last page completed in full for submission by the end of the first week of the trimester.
- **Part Testing (25 points)**
 - At the beginning of the trimester each student will be vocally tested to determine which voice group they best fit.
- **Weekly Performance Reviews (25 points each)**
 - At the end of each week a performance review will occur to determine the level of preparedness of each member of the Huron High School Chorale.
- **Sporting Events (100 Points)**
 - At different times throughout the course of the trimester, opportunities may arise for us to sing the National Anthem at a Huron High School Sporting event. Attendance at these events is required.
- **Chorale Concert (200 Points)**
 - Near the end of the trimester, a concert will be performed by the Huron High School Chorale to showcase the literature learned throughout the course. Attendance at this event is required.
- **Final Exam (100 Points)**
 - At the end of the trimester there will be a final exam. Any material covered over the course of the trimester may be used on this exam.



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

- **Alternate Final Exam**
 - Any student carrying an overall course grade of 100% or better will be given the option of taking an alternate final exam. More details regarding this alternate final exam will be given in class.
- **Extra Credit**
 - Extra credit will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor. All extra credit details will be given in class.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

You are expected to do your own work in this course, and to submit only that work which you have completed. I take cheating, plagiarism, etc. extremely seriously and I have no tolerance for it. Academic misconduct on any segment of this course may result in a failing grade for the course and referral for additional disciplinary action. You are strongly advised to carefully review the Huron High School policies on academic misconduct. I will provide you with these resources upon your request.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.huronbands.com>

<http://www.huronbands.com/chorale.html>



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Classroom Expectations

- Come to class prepared and on time
- No Pop or Food in the classroom
- Dress appropriately for school

Outerwear is not permitted in class or the halls - including bags & backpacks

- No Cell Phones *Seen* or *Heard* in the class or in the halls
- No electronics devices
- No foul language
- Always treat others with respect



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I have read and understand all terms to the above course syllabus.

(Please fill out and return ONLY this sheet)

Student Name (Print Please)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Please)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address (Print Please)

1st Trimester
1st Period