

NATURALS

Music 093/193: 0/1 hour credit
2002-2003

Prerequisite:

By audition or interview only

Course description:

This mixed ensemble represents the University and the Music Department in appearances throughout the state, in churches, schools, and clubs, performing a variety of literature, sacred and secular. Participants receive partial scholarships. Membership is open to all students, regardless of major. This does not meet the ensemble requirements for a music major or minor.

The Naturals rehearse during class hours for a total of 5 hours per week. During this time they are usually dancing and singing. There are a few times each semester when we only rehearse musically. In addition to regular class time, there are extra rehearsals at the beginning of each semester, before the first performance of the semester and before the Christmas and Spectacular shows when they may put in as many as 15 extra hours per week. The Naturals are allowed 30 performances each year. The performances are at least 1 hour each in length with the big shows lasting 2 hours each. Many of the Naturals also work out in the gym. This is not a requirement, but rather a suggestion so that they can sustain the energy needed for the rigorous choreography. Before each semester the Naturals attend a workshop of 11 hours a day. Half or more of those hours are spent dancing.

Purpose:

The Naturals act as a recruiting arm of the University. They work in tandem with Enrollment Services, Alumni Affairs and the Music Department to present programs at recruiting functions, alumni receptions, campus departmental events and other organizations across the state.

Objective:

This course is designed to develop and enhance performance and technical skills. Students will prepare music for public performance and learn technical skills related to the equipment used.

Academic integrity:

Refer to the current edition of the Tomahawk

Grading policy:

The instructor will give a grade of **A** based on positive participation, attitude, and preparation. The grade is lowered at the discretion of the instructor when the student is consistently absent, tardy, shows disrespect toward the instructor or other members of the organization, or fails to complete the semester in which he is enrolled.

Other information is contained in the contract received during the summer. This is a binding agreement between the student, the Instructor, and the University. This contract is binding for one year only. A student may not be released from this contract without withdrawing from school or under a doctor's advisement. In any other case, the student may repay the scholarship amount. Each student may audition at the end of the academic year for a position the following year.