

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

MUS 143 – CHAMBER ENSEMBLE (1 CR.)

Course Description

Consists of performance in a select ensemble, designed for high-level, artistic, public performances of major literature strings, winds, brass, percussion, keyboard and voice. Membership in the Chamber Ensemble is open to any student who qualifies through audition. May be repeated for credit. Laboratory 3 hours.

General Course Purpose

To produce an advanced performing musical ensemble which will meet the ensemble requirements for music majors and serve the college community through quality performances.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Division approval based on audition required

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Sight-read arrangements from the standard ensemble repertoire.
- Interpret music from various eras in an appropriate style.
- Work with other musicians, giving and receiving positive, constructive comments.
- Attain mastery of individual parts
- Perform music with others with excellent technical skill (matching tone, pitch, blend, etc.) and expressive skill (style, phrasing, artistry, etc.)
- Develop a work ethic which enables them to contribute to the betterment of Chamber Ensembles in each sectional and rehearsal

Major Topics to be Included

- Sight-reading.
- Interpretation.
- Listening Skills.
- Ensemble Skills.
- Leadership Skills.

Optional Topics

- Conducting
- Arts Administration