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# AVENUE C

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T/TH 5:00 - 6:40 PM MU263 (Lab East)

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## Contact Info:

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## Objectives:

1. Develop technical proficiency within the context of the vocal jazz ensemble.
2. Expand stylistic knowledge of the vocal jazz ensemble idiom.
3. Understand and appreciate the rich and varied traditions of vocal jazz ensemble literature.
4. Cultivate skills of professionalism within a performing ensemble.

## Students are expected to:

1. Arrive on time, warmed up, and equipped to all rehearsals and performances.
2. Practice outside of scheduled rehearsals to master individual parts.
3. Rehearse with patience, persistence, honesty, sincerity, courage, and kindness.
4. Maintain and use all ensemble equipment responsibly, including audio equipment, music, and folder (there is a \$30 replacement fee for lost or damaged folders).

## Students can expect the director to:

1. Treat each student with dignity and respect.
2. Hold each student accountable.
3. Be prepared for rehearsals and exercise musical leadership.
4. Demonstrate commitment to the music and the ensemble.

## Performance Policy:

Ensemble performances should be considered required and non-negotiable commitments. **Missed performances will result in an automatic zero for the semester** unless the student must miss due to an emergency. Official call times will be announced in advance of the performance. Once officially announced by the director, these call times should be considered non-negotiable as well.

**Performance attire:** Avenue C performs in **RED and BLACK**. Have fun with accents, but nothing too over the top.

## Attendance Policy:

If you know that you will miss a given rehearsal due to an unavoidable conflict, you must communicate that need via email no less than **24 hours in advance** of the rehearsal. If you need to stay home because of illness, you must communicate that need via email no less than **4 hours in advance** of the rehearsal. In the event of an emergency, please call or text as soon as is practical. If you establish a pattern of tardiness or absence, you and I will meet with Professor Barnes outside of rehearsal to discuss your continued enrollment in the ensemble.

**Rhythm section players:** if you must be absent, you are responsible for finding a substitute (this is NOT to be used for anything other than excused absences described above and must be communicated to the director ahead of time). Your substitute must be of equal or superior skill and you must provide them with all music and any other materials required for the rehearsal.

## Grading Policy:

Grading is fairly straightforward in this class. We have 25 scheduled rehearsals before Thanksgiving. Each rehearsal is worth 2 points; earn them both by meeting all four stated student expectations. Final marks for the course will be a reflection of points earned as a percentage of the total possible points.

## Required Dates:

| Date         | Event                                                                                                                                               |
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| Sun., 9/11   | Avenue C Fall Retreat day – 2:00-8:00pm. All members required to attend! Lab East.                                                                  |
| Sun., 10/9   | Denton Arts and Jazz Festival – 2:30pm call, 3:30pm sound check, 3:40-4:00pm performance (all vocal ensembles performing). Quakertown Park, Denton. |
| Fri., 10/21  | Syndicate Performance #1 – 11:00am call/sound check, 12:00pm performance (Avenue C only). UNT Student Union.                                        |
| Fri., 11/11  | Fall Concert Vocal Extravaganza – TBD. Plan to block out all/as much of this afternoon and evening as possible. Voertman Hall.                      |
| Tues., 11/15 | Syndicate Performance #2 – 8:00pm call/sound check, 9:00pm performance (shared concert with West End). UNT Student Union.                           |

## **Additional Student Resources:**

### **Office of Disability Accommodation**

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

### **Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (Undergraduates)**

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. Please visit <http://financialaid.unt.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress-requirements> for more information about financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. It may be wise for you to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course being doing so.

## **Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences**

According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

## **Emergency Notification & Procedures**

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please check your UNT email for contingency plans for covering course materials.

## **Acceptable Student Behavior**

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at: [www.unt.edu/csrr](http://www.unt.edu/csrr).

## **Sexual Assault Prevention**

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648.