

MUSIC CONVOCATION (MUA 010) SYLLABUS

Friday, 12:00 noon - 12:50 p.m.

Concert Hall of Moody Music Building

INSTRUCTOR

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday

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ATTENDANCE

Music majors in the B.M., B.S., and B.A. programs must satisfactorily complete five semesters of MUA 010 Music Convocation. Music minors must satisfactorily complete four semesters of Convocation. The course is offered on a pass-fail basis. To obtain a passing grade, *B.M and B.S. music majors* must attend 15 events during the semester. Five of the total required events may be concerts in which the student performed. *B.A. music majors and music minors* must attend 10 events during the semester.

School of Music concerts, UA student recitals, Convocation, UA colloquia, technology lectures, and designated master classes, qualify for one Convocation credit. School of Music events are subject to change. The most accurate calendar of events is available at www.events.ua.edu. You can also follow the School of Music on facebook "[University of Alabama School of Music](#)" or Twitter [@uaschooolofmusic](#).

To obtain credit for attending an event, swipe your Action Card before entering the hall with the swipe-in machine. You must attend at least 50 minutes of an event to receive credit for it. Consideration is taken for events that will not reach that point. After the event, you MUST swipe out as well to fully receive credit for the event. *This is the attendance for Convocation credits. No other medium will count.*

GRADING

Reports from the Action Card Office come to the instructor once a week. Grades will be updated as possible onto Blackboard Learn. Patience is appreciated in updating the grades. It is recommended that students attempt to keep a list of events that students have attended, by date to keep themselves up-to-date.

Tix.com TICKETING

Some events such as large ensembles, faculty recitals, opera and Hilaritas will be ticketed. The system is essential to you entering on time. Visit uamusic.tix.com to get your tickets. When prompted enter the code CONVO to make your ticket order free, except for Hilaritas and any UA Opera Theatre productions. If you have questions please call 205-348-1477.

PERFORMING

Music majors in the B.M. in performance degree must perform on Convocation as follows: once as freshmen (except voice majors), twice as sophomores, twice as juniors, and once as seniors. The performed material may not be part of a junior or senior recital. Music majors in the Music Therapy program and the B.S. degrees must perform on Convocation as follows: once as sophomores, twice as juniors, and once as seniors. Opportunities for performing are extended to professors via email upon availability of Convo times. Approach them for approval to perform and then come by Music Services to obtain the Convocation Performance and Reservation Form or find it at music.ua.edu/current-students. You are required to have the form signed from your

applied teacher to schedule a Convocation performance.

Performing in any Convocation graded events will be worth two points. You must email me within 24 hours of your performance.

OTHER CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Other avenues of credit will be made available to students via email from the instructor.

RECORDINGS

Performances are recorded and archived. Performers may obtain copies from Music Services by signing up in the recording binder in the office. You will be contacted via email when the recording can be picked up.

Please Note: Students should be aware of and adhere to all university weather emergency guidelines and an indication that all such procedures will be followed relative to your class. If the University closes due to weather related issues, events, concerts, lectures will be cancelled. Visit music.ua.edu if you are unsure as to a cancellation.

Policy on Academic Misconduct

All students in attendance at the University of Alabama are expected to be honorable and to observe standards of conduct appropriate to a community of scholars. The University expects from its students a higher standard of conduct than the minimum required to avoid discipline. Academic misconduct includes all acts of dishonesty in any academically related matter and any knowing or intentional help or attempt to help, or conspiracy to help, another student.

The Academic Misconduct Disciplinary Policy will be followed in the event of academic misconduct. Convocation is a class, despite it being simply pass/fail. Any cheating will be similar to cheating on a paper or test in a graded class.

Disability Statement

If you are registered with the Office of Disability Services, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible to discuss any course accommodations that may be necessary. If you have a disability, but have not contacted the Office of Disability Services, please call 348-4285 or visit 133-B Martha Parham Hall East to register for services. Students who may need course adaptations because of a disability are welcome to make an appointment to see me during office hours. Students with disabilities must be registered with the Office of Disability Services, 133-B Martha Parham Hall East, before receiving academic adjustments.

Severe Weather Protocol

In the case of a tornado warning (tornado has been sighted or detected by radar; sirens activated), all university activities are automatically suspended, including all classes and laboratories. If you are in a building, please move immediately to the lowest level and toward the center of the building away from windows (interior classrooms, offices, or corridors) and remain there until the tornado warning has expired. Classes in session when the tornado warning is issued can resume immediately after the warning has expired at the discretion of the instructor. Classes that have not yet begun will resume 30 minutes after the tornado warning has expired provided at least half of the class period remains.

UA is a residential campus with many students living on or near campus. In general classes will remain in session until the National Weather Service issues safety warnings for the city of Tuscaloosa. Clearly, some students and faculty commute from adjacent counties. These counties may experience weather related problems not encountered in Tuscaloosa. Individuals should follow the advice of the National Weather Service for that area taking the necessary precautions to ensure personal safety. Whenever the National Weather Service and the Emergency Management Agency issue a warning, people in the path of the storm (tornado or severe thunderstorm) should take immediate life saving actions.

When West Alabama is under a severe weather advisory, conditions can change rapidly. It is imperative to get to where you can receive information from the National Weather Service and to follow the instructions provided. Personal safety should dictate the actions that faculty, staff and students take. The Office of Public Relations will disseminate the latest information regarding conditions on campus in the following ways:

- * Weather advisory posted on the UA homepage
- * Weather advisory sent out through Connect-ED--faculty, staff and students (sign up at myBama)
- * Weather advisory broadcast over WVUA at 90.7 FM
- * Weather advisory broadcast over Alabama Public Radio (WUAL) at 91.5 FM
- * Weather advisory broadcast over WVUA 7. WVUA 7 Storm Watch provides a free service you can subscribe to that allows you to receive weather warnings for Tuscaloosa via e-mail, pager or cell phone. Check <http://www.wvua7.com/stormwatch.html> for details.