

Music 162 or Music 162Z: Stanford Symphonic Chorus

Winter 2026

M 7:30-10:00 p.m./W 5:30-6:30 p.m. (optional sectionals)
1 or 0 units

Course Syllabus

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Hours: M: 10:00-10:50 a.m., and by appointment.

TIME/PLACE: Monday 7:30-10:00 p.m. *Tutti*: Campbell Recital Hall (CRH)
Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 & 28 (S&A, BRH)
Jan. 21 & March. 4 (T&B, G10 & BRH))

DESCRIPTION: The Stanford University Symphonic Chorus is a large mixed-voice repertory chorus that performs major choral masterworks with orchestra. Participation is open to all members of the Stanford community by audition. There is a participation fee of \$65/quarter (waived for registered Stanford students and Stanford faculty), and members procure their own music (available at the first three rehearsals).

REPERTOIRE: Giuseppe Verdi: *Requiem* with the Stanford Symphony Orchestra (SSO), and University Singers.
Mikayla Sager, soprano
Malin Fritz Walrod, alto
Benjamin Liupaogo, tenor
Ashraf Sewailam, bass

The SSO performs Benjamin Britten: *Passacaglia from Peter Grimes* & William Grant Still: *In memoriam: The Colored Soldiers Who Died for Democracy* on the first “half” of the program.

ENROLLMENT: The Department of Music requires all matriculated Stanford students participating in ensembles to enroll on Axess, either for credit or using the new zero-unit enrollment option. If you do not plan to take Symphonic Chorus for credit, you will need to enroll for zero units in a special version of the course, Music 162Z. To enroll, please inform Steve by the second rehearsal (Monday, 12 January). You will then be sent a permission number to enroll in Music 162Z before the add-drop deadline. For additional information, please consult the Zero Unit Enrollment Policy at music.stanford.edu.

ATTENDANCE: All Monday night rehearsals are mandatory. Wednesday afternoon sectional rehearsals are optional. Attendance at all rehearsals, dress rehearsals and performances is mandatory. If a member misses more than two mandatory rehearsals without prior arrangement with the director, that member will not be allowed to participate in the performance. You must notify the director in advance if for any reason you must miss all or part of a rehearsal. For those participating for graded credit, every two unexcused absences may result in the lowering of the final grade by one letter.

EXPECTATIONS:

Each singer is expected to learn the music covered at each rehearsal on his or her own. Beyond the first reading of a work, rehearsal time will be devoted to the development of ensemble sound, interpretation, and other musical matters. It is further expected that each singer will make a reasonable effort to develop his or her own vocal skills, and will make every effort to contribute in a positive manner to the work of the group. **You must bring a pencil for music mark-up to every rehearsal!**

DRESS:

All black: button-down shirt/slacks, blouse/skirt, dress. Black socks/hose, black shoes. Also, for the performances, all members must have either a black music folder or have their scores covered in black paper.

SCHEDULE:

Day	Date	Location	Time	Description
Monday	1/5/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal (registration begins at 6:30 pm)
Monday	1/12/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal
Wednesday	1/14/2026	Braun Reh Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	Sop/Alto Sectional (optional, but warmly encouraged)
Monday	1/19/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal
Wednesday	1/21/2026	Dink Reh Hall (G10)	5:30-6:30 pm	Tenor/Bass Sectional (optional, but warmly encouraged)
Monday	1/26/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal (RHM Conducting)
Wednesday	1/28/2026	Braun Reh Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	Sop/Alto (optional, but warmly encouraged)
Monday	2/2/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal
Wednesday	2/4/2026	Braun Reh Hall	5:30-6:30 pm	Tenor/Bass (optional, but warmly encouraged)
Monday	2/9/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal (RHM Conducting)
Monday	2/16/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal
Monday	2/23/2026	CRH	7:30 pm	Tutti Rehearsal (RHM Conducting)
Monday	3/2/2026	Bing Concert Hall	7:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal 1
Thursday	3/5/2026	Bing Concert Hall	7:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal 2
Friday	3/6/2026	Bing Concert Hall	6:30 pm call	Concert call 1 (concert at 7:30pm)
Saturday	3/7/2026	Bing Concert Hall	6:30 pm call	Concert call 2 (concert at 7:30pm)