Objective
The purpose and mission of Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop is to train young performers in the fundamentals of stage craft, performance and production through experience with music for the stage. Standards of opera, operetta, and American musical theatre will be explored in scene exercises and fully-staged productions. Performances culminating each semester’s work will be presented before the public at the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center and in outreach venues in the Mobile Community. Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop is dedicated to education in music for the stage by developing student performers, student performances, and community outreach in the school.

Prerequisite
Participation in Opera and Musical Theatre Workshop is open to all currently enrolled USA students through audition or consent of the instructor.

Course Structure
Division of the course will remain flexible according to production demands. Leading role responsibility, as well as ensemble support skills will be taught to each performer. Class members must be prepared with individual parts before rehearsals. Rehearsals are intended for working characterization, vocalization, expression, stage movement, ensemble interaction, and other artistic concerns. Active participation with prompt professionalism is required of all enrolled.

Text and Materials
Music will be provided. Each student should have a three-ring binder and bring a pencil to each rehearsal.

Attendance
Due to the cooperative nature of a music ensemble, attendance is mandatory at rehearsals and performances. Should a medical emergency or illness occur, the student must notify the professor as quickly as possible and provide an excuse from a medical professional upon return. Accrued unexcused absences will result in the loss of role responsibilities and a reduced semester grade. Some measure of flexibility will be factored into the schedule to allow for unforeseen changes in class meeting times such as weather emergencies, etc.

A student is considered “tardy” once attendance has been taken at the beginning of class. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that they are counted as present in case of tardiness. Three (3) tardies will constitute one absence and loss of attendance credit. Any major schedule changes will be given to the student with appropriate advance notice. ALL STUDENTS MUST ARRANGE TO HAVE NO WORK/SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS DURING THE WEEK PRIOR TO PRODUCTION (November 14-23, 2014). NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.
Performances
There will be four (4) performances in the Fall, 2014 semester, three of which are on campus and one off-campus:

- **Friday, November 14 (7:00 p.m.)** Cottage Hill Presbyterian Church Scenes Preview
- **Friday, November 21 (7:30 p.m.)** USA Fall Scenes Program
- **Sunday, November 23 (3:00 p.m.)** USA Fall Scenes Program
- **Thursday, December 4 (6:00 p.m.)** USA President’s Holiday Concert

Grading Policy
Grading will be based on the following criteria:

1. Points earned toward final grades will be cumulative.
2. Attendance and participation in each rehearsal will be worth 15 pts.
3. Two music/memory checks (Oct. 2 and Nov. 4) will be worth 60 pts. each.
4. Four performances will be worth 100 pts. each.
5. Any absence during tech/performance week (November 14-23) will automatically reduce the final grade by 100 points.

Letter grading will be as follows:

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Office Hours
At least 6 (six) hours of office time each week are made available for the student to meet with the professor as is necessary. Please consult the schedule posted on the professor’s door for available times.

Academic Disruption Policy

The University of South Alabama’s policy regarding Academic Disruption is found in *The Lowdown*, the student handbook:

[http://www.southalabama.edu/lowdown/academicdisruption.shtml](http://www.southalabama.edu/lowdown/academicdisruption.shtml)

*Disruptive academic behavior is defined as individual or group conduct that interrupts or interferes with any educational activity or environment, infringes upon the rights and privileges of others, results in or threatens the destruction of property and/or is otherwise prejudicial to the maintenance of order in an academic environment.*

Students are expected to maintain cordiality, courteousness and respectful treatment of faculty members and fellow students.

Student Academic Conduct Policy
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*The University of South Alabama is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of the individual are sustained. The University is committed to supporting the exercise of any right guaranteed to individuals by the Constitution and the Code of Alabama and to educating students relative to their responsibilities.*

Students who fail to comply with the standards of academic integrity as set forth by the University will be penalized through lowered grading initially and any infraction will be communicated to the department chair. Further infractions will result in academic misconduct proceedings at the college level.

**Students with Disabilities**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with bona fide disabilities will be afforded reasonable accommodation. The Office of Special Student Services (OSSS) will certify a disability and advise your faculty members of reasonable accommodations. If you have a specific disability that qualifies you for academic accommodations, please notify the instructor/professor and provide certification from the Office of Special Student Services. OSSS is located at 5828 Old Shell Road at Jaguar Drive, (251-460-7212).