

Moravian Choir

Syllabus - Fall 2009

Course Numbers: MUS 310 (or 311) (majors), MUS 001 (elective), or MUS 011 (M6 credit)

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EXPECTATIONS OF ALL MEMBERS:

1. Come to all rehearsals and be on time (which means be early!)

Be at rehearsals before they begin and be ready to sing. If you don't feel well, come and just watch the rehearsal. You must participate in all dress rehearsals to sing in the concert(s).

2. Come prepared (with music and pencil) and participate positively during rehearsal time

Be respectful of others and stay attentive, positive and focused during rehearsals. Don't chat or text message.

3. Commit to musical excellence and keep aware of your own progress

Everyone has different skills. Try not to be frustrated if you can't do something, but commit to always doing your best. You may be asked to learn or review specific sections or pieces outside of rehearsal.

MUSICAL SKILLS

Here are some skills you will work on:

- Vocal technique
- Listening and ensemble singing skills
- Understanding of musical concepts and aesthetic connections
- Knowledge of stylistic and cultural context of works
- Effective rehearsal and performance protocol
- Cooperation and teamwork

GRADING AND CREDIT

- **MU310.** All music majors enrolled in MU310.x with concentrations in voice, piano, organ, guitar, or electric bass are required to participate in a large choral ensemble each semester. Vocal ensembles may also serve as secondary or elective ensembles to wind, brass, string, and percussion majors. A minimum of two semesters is required of all music education majors with an instrumental concentration.
- **MUS 001 and MUS 011.** All students who are not music majors (including music minors) must register for one of the choir's two other course numbers: MUS 001 (elective), or MUS 011 (M6 credit). These students are expected to participate in all rehearsals and performances and follow the same rules as music majors. Students will receive one unit of elective credit once they have successfully completed six semesters of choir. Students who wish to fulfill their M6 (Aesthetic Expression) requirement additionally must write program notes for each of the six semesters on a topic selected by the director. There is no charge for this credit.
- Everyone is responsible for knowing the information found in the **Moravian Choir Constitution**, which contains details on ensemble goals and procedures.
- **Grading** in the choir is based on attendance, positive participation, behavior, preparation, and performance. Everyone in the choir – regardless of course registration number – will be evaluated. Each singer starts with 100 points, and points are subtracted for each infraction:

Disruptive behavior	-5
Poor preparation	-2
Limited participation	-2
Unexcused late	-1 (every 5 minutes)
Unexcused absence	-10
Unexcused performance	-25

The final grade for music majors will equal their final point calculation. Anyone who has a point total below 70 will receive a warning; below 60 and you will be asked to leave the ensemble.

Fall 09 Choir Schedule:

Rehearsals (beg. 9-2-09)	Mondays and Wednesdays	4:00pm-6:00pm	Peter Hall
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Monday 7 September</i>	<i>no rehearsal</i>	
Intensive rehearsal	Sunday 13 September	1:00-5:00pm	Peter Hall
<i>Fall Recess</i>	<i>Monday 12 October</i>	<i>no rehearsal</i>	
Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday 18 November	4:00pm-6:00pm	Foy Hall
Vespers Preview Concert	Sunday 22 November	4pm (2:30pm call)	Foy Hall
Rehearsal	Monday 23 November	4:00-6:00pm	Central Church
<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	<i>Wednesday 25 November</i>	<i>no rehearsal</i>	
Rehearsal	Sunday 29 November	6:30pm-9:30pm	Central Church
Rehearsal	Monday 30 November	4:00pm-6:00pm	Central Church
Dress Rehearsal	Wednesday 2 December	4:00pm-6:00pm	Central Church
Vespers Services	4, 5, 11, and 12 December	8:00pm (6:45pm call)	Central Church
Vespers Services	Sunday 6 and 13 December	5:00pm (4pm call)	Central Church
Rehearsal	Monday 7 December	4:00pm-6:00pm	Central Church
Recording Session	Wednesday 9 December	4:00pm-6:00pm	Central Church