

## Introduction to Conducting – Spring 2010 Syllabus

### Course No:

- MUS 334.2

### Time and Location:

- Mon-Wed, period 5b, 1:10pm to 2:20pm (2pm to 2:40pm if 2-hour delay)
- Peter Hall, Music Center, PPH Campus

### Instructor:

- Eduardo M. Azzati - azzati@moravian.edu (preferred method of communication)
- Office No. 221, Music Center, PPH Campus (office hours by appointment only)
- 610 861 1650 (message only, may not get message immediately!)

### Required materials:

- Kenneth H. Phillips. 1997. *Basic Techniques of Conducting*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press
- Data storage device (memory stick/CD) – Will be discussed in class.
- Conducting Baton – Do not purchase a baton until discussed in class.

### Objectives of the course:

- To equip the student with a solid and sound basic conducting technique
- To provide the student with the necessary information and training to become an effective conductor, communicator and leader
- To provide in-class podium time to allow for a hands-on conducting learning experience
- To impart beginning training in score reading and score study
- To provide as much information as time permits on the administrative and other aspects of a conductor's job

### Expectation of the student:

- To attend class regularly, to come to class prepared and with all the required materials, to be on time for class
- To practice conducting assignments daily
- To participate in class in conducting assignments both as a conductor and as a performer
- To successfully complete quizzes, exams, projects and other assignments
- To begin to develop a conductor's/leader's mentality
- To have an open mind to critical evaluation, both self-evaluation and by the instructor

### Grading:

- Mid-term exam, 30%
- Final exam, 30%
- Video-recording assignments, 15%
- Quizzes and class assignments, 15%
- Attendance, 10%
- It is within the instructor's purview to apply qualitative judgment in determining grades

### Important policy regarding attendance:

- Punctuality counts as one half of the attendance grade
- An absence will result in a zero on attendance for the day and a zero on any quizzes given that day as well as any conducting assignments due that day
- Video-recording sessions will not be rescheduled. An absence on a video-recording session day will result in a zero on the respective video-recording assignment
- Mid-term and final exams will not be rescheduled. An absence on any of those dates will result in a zero in the exam
- Only a major emergency or a severe illness with proper certification will merit consideration by the instructor to forgo or adjust this policy or to grant a special accommodation to complete an assignment, a quiz or an exam.

### Academic honesty:

For complete policy please refer to "Academic Honesty at Moravian College" in the Student Handbook.

### Note:

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Mr. Joe Kempfer, Assistant Director of Learning Services for Disability Support, 1307 Main Street (x 1510). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the office of Learning Services.

### Disclosure:

This syllabus is subject to change.