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UNIVERSITY CHOIR MUSI 112A-01/312-01: 1 CREDIT

Syllabus FALL 2017

Schedule: MWF 11:00am-11:50am (Mus 218 & MRH)
 Instructor: Dr. David Edmonds
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PREREQUISITES

Placement with director

REQUIRED TEXTS

Music to be performed (handed out in class)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Pencil, music, black 3-ring binder

Ten/Bass = Tuxedo (Tuxedo Gallery 728-4530) – *order by September*Women = Choir Dress ~\$70; alterations (Cathy Bruch 406-728-5505 or April's Alterations) ~\$10-\$20 – *order by 2nd week of classes*<http://www.formalwear-outlet.com>

Choir dress: "Lillian" #D949 ***Color is FLClaret***

Tuxedo (all items black): (1) Jacket #B721; (2) Pants #E305 or #E701 //// Button down shirt (black) and neck tie (black) from any retailer

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The University Choir is a large mixed ensemble that performs advanced literature from a wide variety of styles, periods, and cultures. Students will learn to perform choral music in a stylistically appropriate manner, with an emphasis on the technique of singing and musicianship. The foundations of artistic singing will be established through daily rehearsals and individual and group preparation. By attaining our highest level of performance both technically and artistically, we attempt to create a shared musical experience through which we seek a better understanding of the human condition.

REGISTRATION

All ensembles in the School of Music satisfy one credit from Group IV: Expressive Arts, of the General Education Requirements. Freshmen and sophomores register for MUSI 112A, Section 01. Juniors and seniors may register for MUSI 312, Section 01.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will...

- ...increase his/her fluency of reading at sight through weekly rehearsals.
- ...display growth in technical skills of singing and musicianship while gaining greater collaborative competence and knowledge of the choral repertory through regular ensemble experiences.
- ...acquire an acquaintance with choral repertoire from several historical and stylistic periods through preparation and performance.
- ...explore the human condition in various forms through the performance of great masterworks in the choral repertoire.

ATTENDANCE AND GRADING

As a member of a UM choral ensemble, a high standard of attendance and individual accountability is expected. Students are allowed three (3) absences per semester without penalty, *no questions asked*. These absences are to be used in any way the student wishes (though it's suggested that they be for emergencies only). For each absence beyond three, the final grade will be adversely affected. Excused absences will be granted for university-sanctioned required events (tours, conferences, etc.). In all cases, please contact your section leader and/or me *in advance* of any anticipated absence. Singers who do not know their music, fail to participate, or come unprepared, late, or not at all will be graded accordingly. Attendance for **all** items below (unless indicated otherwise) are mandatory. **Missing these events may be grounds for failure and/or removal from the group.** The following are some examples (not exhaustive) of some 'good' excuses and 'bad' excuses:

Excuse:**Good/Bad:**

I'm sorry....my alarm didn't go off



Aw, sorry dude Edmonds...I totally spaced that dress rehearsal



Dr. Edmonds, I had a major body spill and was in the hospital



Yeah...so...I really have to work/babysit/pick up my boyfriend



We had a concert?



(Done two weeks in advance)

Good morning Dr. Edmonds, I have a school sponsored event
That will not allow me to participate in our March dress rehearsal.



At your request, I would be happy to provide you with a letter
documenting my required involvement in this event. Oh, and
here are some brownies I baked just for you.

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CLASS SCHEDULE – Required Events

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Sept	24	Sun	4:00-8:00p	Mus Bldg	UChoir Retreat
Oct	5	R	6:30-9:00p	DT	Dress Rehearsal: Choral Gala (meet at the oval, weather permitting)
Oct	6	F	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	DT	Concert: Choral Gala
Oct	13	F	7:00p call/8:00p perf.	Main Hall	Pep Rally “Singing on the Steps” (call meet in 218)
Oct	20	F	11:00a	--	No class (MMEA Conference in Bozeman)
Oct	29	Sun	6:00-8:00p	MRH	Dress Rehearsal: Halloween Choral Spook-tacular
Oct	30	M	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	MRH	Concert: Halloween Choral Spook-tacular
Nov	22&24	W&F	--	--	No class (Thanksgiving Break)
Dec	4	M	7:00-8:30p	MRH	Rehearsal – Runestad Commission (**Sopranos and Altos ONLY)
Dec	10	Sun	7:00-8:30p	218	Rehearsal – Runestad Commission (**Sopranos and Altos ONLY)
Dec	11	M	6:00-9:00p	St. Anthony’s	Dress Rehearsal: “Joyeux Noël”
Dec	12	T	6:15p call/7:30p perf.	St. Anthony’s	Concert: “Joyeux Noël” (all choirs + ICF)

No final exam meeting

OTHER EVENTS TO ATTEND (Optional**)**

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
Oct	7	Sa	7:00p	Mssla Winery	Opera Theater Fundraiser at the Missoula Winery
Nov	3 & 4	F & Sa	7:30p & 9:30p	UCC	Chamber Chorale and UM Dance: “Celebration Service” Meredith Monk
Dec	8	F	7:30p	DT	SWE, Concert Band, and Opera Theater

Check the board outside of the Recital Hall for upcoming School of Music performances

Academic Misconduct and the Student Conduct Code

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review at: http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/student_conduct.php

Information Concerning Reasonable Modifications

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting me. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). “Reasonable” means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications. For more information, please consult <http://www.umt.edu/disability>