Moravian Choir
Syllabus - Spring 2008

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

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FOUR EXPECTATIONS OF ALL MEMBERS:
1. Timely arrival and consistent attendance
   Plan ahead and be at rehearsals before they begin. If you don’t feel well, come anyway and watch.
   You must participate in dress rehearsals to perform in the concerts.

2. Positive participation
   Maintain concentration during rehearsal and participate fully in musical activities. Everything you say
   and do affects those around you, so be respectful of others and stay positive and focused throughout
   demanding rehearsals. Talking out of turn during rehearsal is not tolerated.

3. Commitment to excellence
   Commit to doing your best and stretching your musical abilities. You may be asked to learn or review
   specific sections or pieces outside of rehearsal. Do it. Don’t waste everyone’s valuable rehearsal
   time.

4. Self-reflection and evaluation
   Be aware of your progress and take responsibility for your own improvement.

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, historical, and cultural context of works
- Effective rehearsal and performance protocol
- Self-awareness and self-reflection
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: -4
  - Limited participation: -2
  - Unexcused late: -1 (for every 5 minutes)
  - Unexcused absence: -10
  - Missed dress rehearsal or concert: -25

  The final grade for music majors will equal their final point calculation. If your point total drops below 70, you will receive a warning; below 60 and you must leave the ensemble.

SPRING REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE (*Dress rehearsals are in italics and concerts are in bold*)

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