Moravian Choir
Syllabus - Fall 2008

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

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EXPECTATIONS OF ALL MEMBERS:

1. Be early!
   Be at rehearsals before they begin and get 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. Pay attention, don’t chat, and no texting.
   Be respectful of others and stay positive and focused during rehearsals. Don’t chat or text
   message.

3. Know your limits, but keep trying to improve.
   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
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:

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<td>Disruptive behavior</td>
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<td>Unexcused late</td>
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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.

FALL 2008 REHEARSAL AND CONCERT SCHEDULE

- **Rehearsals (beg. 9-3-08)**: Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00pm-6:00pm, Peter Hall
- **Winton Project**: 8 and 10 September 4:00pm-6:00pm, Peter Hall
- **Intensive rehearsal**: Saturday 20 September 9:00am-1:00pm, Peter Hall
- **Fall recess**: Monday 6 October, no rehearsal
- **Dress rehearsal**: Thursday 9 October 6:30pm-7:30pm, Central Church
- **Moravian Music Concert**: Friday 10 October 7:30pm (6pm), Central Church
- **Concert with Allentown Band**: Sunday 9 November 8:00pm (6:30pm), Foy Hall
- **Concert**: Sunday 16 November 3:00pm (1pm), Music at Faith
- **Dress rehearsal**: Wednesday 19 November 4:00pm-6:00pm, Foy Hall
- **Alumni Carol Sing**: Wednesday 19 November 6:30pm-7:00pm, Main Street
- **Vespers Preview**: Saturday 22 November 7:30pm (6:00pm)
- **Rehearsals**: Monday 24 November 4:00pm-6:00pm, Central Church
- **Thanksgiving break**: Wednesday 26 November, no rehearsal
- **Rehearsal**: Sunday 30 November 6:45pm-9:30pm, Central Church
- **Dress rehearsals**: 1 and 3 December 4:00pm-6:00pm, Central Church
- **Vespers Services**: 5, 6, 12, and 13 December 8:00pm (6:45pm), Central Church
- **Vespers Services**: Sunday 7 and 14 9 December 7:00pm (5:45pm), Central Church
- **Rehearsal**: Monday 8 December 4:00pm-6:00pm, Central Church
- **Recording session**: Wednesday 10 December 4:00pm-6:00pm, Central Church

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT SPRING:**

- First rehearsal: Monday 19 January
- Intensive rehearsal: Saturday 31 January
- Choral Festival at Lafayette: Saturday 7 February
- Candide: Sat-Sun 25-26 April