

Frederick Community College
Course Syllabus
(MU118/218 Choral Ensemble)
Fall 2014

Class Begins: 8/26/2014	Class Ends: 12/12/2014	Last Day to Withdraw: 11/05/2014
Meeting Days, Times & Room: F-145, Tuesdays from 7:45p.m.- 10:00 p.m.		

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course: MU118	Credits: 1
Prerequisites: none	Co-requisites: none

Course Description

Presents a variety of choral literature for study and performance. Students participate as members of the Choral Arts Society of Frederick. Three rehearsal hours weekly; Open to all students.

Course Links & Information

(no black board link yet, training in progress)

Core Learning Outcomes

1. Perform with well-developed vocal production and choral etiquette.
2. Develop ensemble choral singing skills
3. Execute different vocal styles and expressive techniques
4. Demonstrate appreciation of music through performance

Additional Outcomes

Instructional Methods

1. Guided practice of vocal techniques, sight-reading skills and performance
2. Attendance at weekly rehearsals, additional sectionals and all concerts

Text(s) and Recommended Materials

Required: No Text. Music will be provided at the rehearsal. Music fee is 35.00 dollars, payable to the CASF. The music then becomes the property of the student. Dress code is enforced, and you may purchase or rent a dress for the semester. Fees will be announced at the 3rd rehearsal. Rental fee is 45.00 per semester. Men must rent or buy black tuxedos for each concert.

Recommended: none

Progress Report

Six week grade check will be based on rehearsal attendance and Part checks. Date of 6 week check will be September 30th, 2014.

Assessment Method

Rehearsals and Concerts	Point or Percentage Value	Final Grade Scale
Attendance and participation in rehearsals/sectionals. Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:45 p.m.; to receive full credit for the rehearsal you must be seated with your own music in hand, a pencil, and be prepared to sing. Each rehearsal is worth 10 points. Tardiness will be penalized by 3 points. Unexcused absence will result in 0 points.	14 regular rehearsals this semester, 10 points each, total of 140 Rehearsal points.	306-340 points: A 275-308 points: B 247-274 points: C 223-246 points: D 222 and below: F
Concert Attendance: 25 points per dress rehearsal or concert. Tardiness will result in a loss of 10 points. An unexcused absence from a concert will result in the loss of one letter grade (example: A will be lowered to a B). There are 5 concerts and 3 dress rehearsals this semester)	3 Dress Rehearsals, 25 points each; total of 75 points. 5 concerts, 25 points each; total of 125 points	
TOTAL	340 points total	

Codes of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Students are required to uphold the Code of Academic Integrity and the Code of Student Conduct. Students who violate either of these codes may receive a failing grade in the class. Information about these codes and other student policies, procedures, and penalties is available on the Student Policy and Procedures web page at http://www.frederick.edu/student_services/studentpolicies.aspx.

Student Services

A variety of services are available to assist students in succeeding at FCC. Students can learn more about these services by visiting the Student Services web page: http://www.frederick.edu/student_services/index.aspx

Students with disabilities who are in need of accommodations or who have questions related to disabilities services should contact the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office at 301-846-2408. Students can learn more about these services by visiting the Services for Students with Disabilities web page: http://www.frederick.edu/student_services/disability.aspx.

Participation Policy

****At the end of the course, students are expected to complete the course evaluation. Student feedback is anonymous****

- (1) Choral Ensemble is a group-based activity. For that reason, weekly attendance is paramount.
- (2) While individual practice outside of class is expected and required, the ensemble experience cannot be acquired individually.
- (3) Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:45 p.m. Tardiness is not acceptable. (see Assessment Methods) If you must be absent, due to illness or an unavoidable conflict, **you must be excused by the instructor (Lynn Staininger), not your section leader.** Failure to notify the instructor will result in a total loss of points for the rehearsal. In the case of long term absence, you must contact the instructor to see if completion of the class is possible.
- (4) The rehearsal and performance elements of this class are designed to encourage all participants to learn and improve upon the skills necessary in a successful choral ensemble such as: good physical posture both seated and standing; proper breath support; proper vowel formation as applicable to style; correct pronunciation of foreign languages; good intonation and vocal color, engaged facial and body language and understanding of composers studied.

At Frederick Community College, in all credit courses, students are expected to invest a minimum of two hours completing out-of-class course work for every hour of instructional time.

This class will require individual, out of class, practice of your choral parts. Additional sectionals and lessons may be included in this out-of-class work.

Email Communication

All students will receive and be expected to use their FCC email address for their correspondence with faculty and staff at the college. Students can establish and access their FCC email accounts at the login page: <https://myfcc.frederick.edu>.

Topical Outline

Every effort will be made to keep to this schedule; however, the instructor reserves the right to alter or amend it as necessary. Depending on class progress other projects may be assigned. Additional dates, as published in the academic schedule of classes and listed below, may be required as make-up days for inclement weather.

Class	Date	Subject	Content/Assignment
1	8/26/2014	Full Rehearsal begins with the CASF	Music for the "Home of the Brave" Concert
2	9/14/2014	Concert, 7:00 a.m. Call time is 6:15 a.m. Mt. Olivet Cemetery	Home of the Brave Concert
3	9/16-10/28	Regular Rehearsal	All Things Bright and Beautiful Concert Repertoire
4	11/04	Election Day	No Rehearsal
5	11/11	Regular Rehearsal Resumes	
6	11/13	Concert with FCC Flute Choir, 7:30 p.m. in the JBK, call time, 6:00p.m.	All Things Bright and Beautiful
10	11/25	Regular Rehearsal Resumes	Holiday Pops Music

11	12/05 and 12/06	Concerts, JBK, call times tba	Holiday Pops Concerts
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Inclement Weather Dates: December 15th & 16th