

SUNY- NEW PALTZ MUSIC DEPARTMENT
COLLEGE-COMMUNITY CHORALE
Course Syllabus and Information Sheet, Spring 2010

Course Number: MUS142. 1 credit, 3 contact hours. Chorale Website: www.collegecommunitychorale.org
Director: Dr. Edward Lundergan, lunderge@newpaltz.edu
Office: CHG108, phone 257-2715. Office Hours: MT 9:30-11:30, or by appointment

Rehearsals: Wednesday, 7:00-9:30, CHG 115 (Shepard Recital Hall)

Concert #1: Tuesday, April 27, 8 p.m., McKenna Theatre
Concert #2: Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m., New Paltz High School

Dress Rehearsals: Monday, April 26, 7 p.m., McKenna
Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m., New Paltz High School

Repertoire: Fauré *Requiem* (April 27), Poulenc *Gloria* (May 2, with College-Youth Symphony)

Objectives:

- To rehearse and perform programs of outstanding choral music
- To develop the physical, mental, and aural skills that comprise good vocal technique.
- To develop confidence in performing for an audience.
- To develop an awareness of diverse musical styles and historical periods as they relate to choral performance

Membership: Open to both students and community residents. No audition is required for membership. However, the Director may require an audition to determine whether a member will perform in concert.

Grading: Students will be evaluated against themselves and not against each other. Students without much choral experience will not be judged against others with more. Everyone will be evaluated according to progress within the class, and not prior knowledge or experience.

Each member begins the semester with a grade of "B". An "A" can be earned by

- consistent attendance at rehearsals
- a disciplined and diligent approach to the music to be learned
- service to the choir in such capacities as section leader, librarian, or stage crew

The lack of the above may result in a grade lower than "B". In particular, each unexcused absence from rehearsal after the first will result in lowering the grade by two-thirds of a letter. For example:

Unexcused Absences	Maximum Possible Grade
0-1	A
2	B+
3	B-

Absence -- excused or unexcused -- from a dress rehearsal or concert will result in lowering the grade a minimum of one full letter.

Excused absences can be granted only for serious reasons, after consultation with the Director, in advance if at all possible.

Course Withdrawal Deadline: March 31

Assessment: As part of the campuswide assessment program for GE courses, students will be asked to write a brief paper evaluating the rehearsal and performance process for one or more of the pieces on the concerts. This paper will count for 10% of the course grade.

A **minimum grade** of C- is required in all courses which count toward the Music major.

Concert Dress:

Men: Dark jacket, white shirt, long dark tie, black pants, black shoes, and socks

Women: Black blouse, black skirt (at least knee-length) or pants, black shoes and stockings

If you anticipate any difficulty in locating these items, please consult with the Director immediately.

Financial Support: Community members (non-students) are asked either to contribute \$20 per semester or to sell \$20 worth of tickets to the April concert.