

SCHOOL OF FINE ART AND MUSIC
Winter Semester 2015
MUSC*2550-01/2560-01
CHORAL ENSEMBLE I/II
CHOIR



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OFFICE HOURS: By Appointment

TIMES:

Women's Chamber Choir	Monday, 6:30 – 8:00pm AND Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00pm
Chamber Singers (Women)	Monday, 5:30 – 7:20pm AND Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:50pm
Chamber Singers (Men)	Monday, 5:30 – 6:30pm AND Wednesday, 5:30 – 8:00pm
Symphonic Choir	Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:30pm

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

MUSC*2550:

The study and performance of selected choral literature through participation in one of the School's ensembles; the University of Guelph Symphonic Choir, the Chamber Choir, or Women's Chamber Choir. In order to register for an ensemble, the student must arrange for an audition with the School of Fine Art and Music. Auditions will be held prior to the first day of classes each Fall and Winter semester. Students must check with the School of Fine Art and Music office for audition dates. Students are encouraged to audition for an ensemble in the Fall semester and to participate in it for both Fall and Winter semesters. Not all ensembles will be able to accept new members in Winter. Consult the School of Fine Art and Music for further information.

Equate(s): MUSC*2520

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required. Successful completion of an audition.

MUSC*2560:

A continuation of MUSC*2550

Prerequisite(s): MUSC*2550

Equate(s): MUSC*2520

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Course credit may be earned through participation in any one of the University of Guelph Choirs during Fall and Winter semesters. Through study and performance of selected choral music, students will develop an understanding of artistic creation through direct involvement in it. Rehearsals and performances build upon the students' accumulated knowledge of musical techniques and skills, while study of a given repertoire develops awareness of historical and stylistic trends in music and of the values associated with music-making throughout the world.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- *Aesthetic maturity and a sense of historical development of styles and genres of music
- *Communication skills through advanced musical literacy and increased vocal abilities
- *Understanding of specific musical forms through kinaesthetic experience
- *Global understanding through the rehearsal and performance of many world musics

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Participation	25%
(Group responsibility, punctuality, rehearsal skills, dress rehearsals & concerts)	
Proficiency	55%
(Individual security of part, blend and balance with ensemble, attention to detail - as determined by two individual tests IN WEEK 6 or 7 and DURING FINAL EXAMS)	
Written Work	10%
(Individual written assignment(s)/test, demonstrating awareness of vocal and choral principals and/or translations.)	
Leadership	10%
(Demonstration of leadership in this choir by acting as section leader, serving on the choir committee, helping with administrative tasks, providing publicity and promotion, or by leading a warm-up in consultation with the Conductor)	

MATERIAL TO BE COVERED AND METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

Repertoire for the Choir is chosen by the conductor with consideration for the ability of the ensemble, overall balance, and variety. The ensemble holds weekly rehearsals and performs one or more concerts each semester. Students will be notified of any extra rehearsals that have been scheduled by the first day of class.