

## SYLLABUS

<b>COURSE</b>	Music 124: Choral Union
<b>SEMESTER</b>	Fall 2017
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	David Rayl, MPB #211, 355.7667, <a href="mailto:RaylD@msu.edu">RaylD@msu.edu</a>
<b>MEETINGS</b>	W, 7:00-9:00 pm, 147 Communication Arts & Sciences Bldg
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	The MSU Choral Union is designed to bring the campus and community together in a corporate musical effort. Repertoire focuses on the major choral/orchestral works of every stylistic period. By participation in this ensemble students will develop basic musical skills (pitch accuracy, intonation, tone quality, sight-singing) and develop increased knowledge, a better understanding, and an enhanced appreciation of choral music through performances of the world's greatest choral literature.
<b>DRESS</b>	Women: Long black dresses (at least mid-calf) or black blouses with black slacks. At least 3/4-length sleeves. Minimal jewelry. Men: Black tuxes or suits, white shirt, LONG BLACK TIE
<b>SCORES</b>	Each singer is required to purchase his/her own copy of the music being performed and to provide his/her own music and a <b>black folder</b> for performance. <b>No one</b> will be allowed to share music in the performance. Scores are available for purchase in the lobby just prior to the first three rehearsals.
<b>GRADING</b>	Grades are based on the following criteria 1000 - 950 points = 4.0 949 - 900 = 3.5 899 - 850 = 3.0 849 - 800 = 2.5 799 - 750 = 2.0 749 - 700 = 1.5 699 - 650 = 1.0 below 649 = 0 <p>Because all of the material taught in this course is presented during rehearsals, your consistent attendance is required. The each absence from rehearsal will lower your grade by 50 points. Absence from the performance will lower your grade by 350 points.</p> <p>The broad allowances provided by this attendance scale make it unnecessary for you to submit absence excuses. Plan your semester based on the above scale and the grade you wish to obtain in this class. The only excused absences will be for <u>required</u> university functions (class field trips, exams, tours, etc.), religious holidays, and <u>written</u> medical excuses. This does not include optional study sessions, job responsibilities, the required activities of sororities and fraternities, or other activities in which you may choose to participate.</p> <p>Those not enrolled for credit will not be allowed to sing the concert if they miss more than 1/4 of the rehearsals preceding any performance.</p>
<b>DATES</b>	Wed, 11/8, 7:30 orch reh Wharton Center Thu, 11/9, 7:30 orch reh Wharton Center <i>Please make arrangements to MISS your church choir rehearsal this evening as it is our Final dress rehearsal.</i> Fri, 11/10, 8:00 (7:00 call) concert Wharton Center  Wed, 12/6, 7:00 comb piano reh Comm Arts 145 Fri, 12/8, 7:00 orch reh Wharton Center

Sat, 12/9, 10 am	orch reh	Wharton Center
Sat, 12/9, 8 pm (7:00 call)	Messiah concert	Wharton Center
Wed, 4/26, 7 pm	piano reh	Comm Arts 147
Fri, 4/27, 7 pm	orch reh	Wharton
Sat, 4/28, 10 am		orch reh
Wharton		
Sat, 4/28, 8 pm	Elijah concert	Wharton