



College of Music MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MSU Choral Union Fall 2026
MUS 124
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Director of Choral Programs, MSU

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Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FIRST rehearsal: Weds, Sept. 9

Location:

University United Methodist Church

Asbury Hall

1120 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823

Parking: The parking lot is behind the church off Harrison near Trowbridge. Parking is bountiful and disabled parking spaces are available.

Registration: Please register with the Community Music School using one of three options below:

Online: [Choral Union Registration Here](#)

Phone: 517-355-7661

In-Person: CMS office: 4930 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

There is a discount for MSU faculty, staff and students so please ASK when you register.

About Us:

The MSU Choral Union is designed as a cooperative cultural collaboration between the university and the local community. Singers include faculty, staff, students, and community musicians. Repertoire is focused on major choral/orchestral works representing historical and contemporary music.

Singers will develop musicianship by focusing on ensemble singing skills, beauty of tone, active listening, increased knowledge and appreciation of choral music through performances of the engaging choral literature.

Concert Dress: Singers have two options:

- Option 1: Black dressy shirt/top with cap sleeves or longer
 Black, long dress pants (no leggings), or floor-length dress or skirt
 Black socks or hose with closed-toe black shoes.
- Option 2: Black dress shirt (NO TIES)
 Black dress slacks
 Black dress shoes and black dress socks

Required Dates:

Wed, Dec 9: 7:00-9:00 pm

Combined Choirs Rehearsal, University United Methodist Church
SANCTUARY

Fri, Dec 11: 7:00-10:00 pm

Dress #1 MSU Orchestra and Choirs
WHARTON CENTER
Call Time: 6:40 p.m.

Sat, Dec 12: 10:00 a.m.-12-30 p.m.

Dress #2 MSU Orchestra and Choirs
WHARTON CENTER
Call Time: 9:40 a.m.
Concert: 7:30

Everyone is invited to Pizza House post-concert to celebrate!

Looking Ahead: Spring Program

We have an unusual and exciting spring concert and post-semester (optional) tour of Portugal to prepare! We will prepare a mini-major choral work and a set of octavos in preparation for a special community concert at St. Thomas Aquinas. We then take the program across the ocean to Portugal where we will sing in extraordinary spaces. A representative from Perform International who is producing the tour will be at our first rehearsal, Sept 9, to present the tour and answer questions.

Auditions and Recruiting

Please help grow our ensemble. **Invite your singing friends to rehearsal**, they are welcome to come and try it out. I will listen to new members sing the first stanza of America the Beautiful beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sept 9th and 16th.

MSU registered students only:

Attendance:

Because all the material taught in the class is presented during rehearsals, your consistent attendance is required. You are allowed two absences per term.

The only excused absences will be for required university functions (class field trips, exams, tours), religious holidays, and written medical documentation (please do not disclose medical information, just documentation of your visit). You are not excused for study sessions, job responsibilities, the required activities of sororities and fraternities, or other activities in which you may choose, but are not required to participate.

Unexcused absences will lower your grade by 10 points for each absence. You are required to fill out the absence form below to receive an excused absence.

Tardy/Absence policy: More than 3 minutes late is tardy. 3 tardies=1 absence. More than 20 minutes late is an absence.

ABSENCE FORM: [CLICK HERE](#)

Grades are based on the following criteria:

- Attendance at rehearsals and performances
 - **Missing a dress rehearsal means missing a performance=automatic 1.0**

100-90=	4.0
89-79=	3.5
78-68=	3.0
67-57=	2.5
56-66=	2.0
65-55=	1.5
54-44=	1.0
Below 43=	0.0