Stetson University School of Music
Stetson University Choral Union

Student Syllabus
Fall Semester, 2015

http://www.stetson.edu/music/ensembles/choirs/choral-union.php

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Semester Objectives. The objectives for the work of the Choral Union for this semester will be the following:

1. To study, rehearse, and perform two important choral masterworks, one from the Viennese Mass tradition of the early Romantic period, and another from the early Baroque poly-choral school of composition.
2. To emphasize healthy vocal production while achieving excellence in performance practice.
3. To develop a desirable blend of voices and balance among sections of the choir.
4. To produce dramatic and compelling interpretations of this semester’s compositions, to including proper execution of good intonation, phrasing, diction, and articulation.
5. To develop a sense of esprit de corps that unites the various voices into a persuasive choral instrument.
6. To emphasize individual accountability in preparing parts with pitch and rhythmic accuracy.
7. To present a performance that represents Stetson University with distinction.

Choral Union Schedule Fall 2015
Rehearsals:
Feasel Rehearsal Hall in McMahan Hall on the Stetson University Campus
(Corner of Woodland Blvd. and Michigan Ave. in DeLand, FL)
Monday Evenings 7:15 to 9:15PM

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FALL CONCERT Nov. 24 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6:00PM CALL
**Evaluation.** The primary criteria for evaluation will be attendance and the completion of simple homework assignments. Homework assignments may include copying score markings into one’s personal score, or listening to one’s part on the internet to solidify pitch accuracy. An absence reduces the grade by a letter. Two tardies equal one absence in the grade calculation. Excused absences may be granted due to illness, family emergencies, or schedule conflicts with other university-sanctioned activities requiring the student’s presence. To be considered “excused,” any absence must be approved by the professor prior to the rehearsal. Students are expected to be present on time at the beginning of each rehearsal. Contrary to popular belief since Dr. Larson began conducting Choral Union, there is no “free absence” granted in the syllabus for Choral Union.

Choir members are expected to be attentive and prepared for all rehearsals and performances. Seating assignments are also a part of a singer’s participation, as is social behavior during rehearsals. Singers must be ready to follow conductor instructions, which precludes talking with one’s neighbor during rehearsal. A pencil in hand is required.

**Scores/Printed Music.** Each singer must purchase and bring to each rehearsal original scores for all assigned compositions. The printed music fee for Fall 2015 is $10.00. Payment may be made by cash, check payable to Stetson University, or online by credit card at the website posted in this syllabus. NOTE: Students do NOT pay the choir dues. The dues one hears about in rehearsal are ONLY for community members who are not Stetson University students. Refunds cannot be made for students who accidentally pay the dues.

Note: A passing grade cannot be submitted for a student at the end of the semester until full payment has been received for the Choral Union printed music. Each singer must have an original, purchased score for each of the compositions in order to comply with this policy. Public domain scores may be photocopied.

Ticketing for the Choral Union concert will follow School of Music standard protocol and pricing. At this time Choral Union members do not receive complimentary tickets.

**Attire.** The Choral Union performance attire shall be:
For Males: Males shall perform in a black tuxedo (dinner jacket) with black shoes and socks.
For Females: Females shall perform in a black dress which must have sleeves (short or long), go below the knees, and cover the torso close to the neck. Further instructions will be given in rehearsals.

**Internet Access.** Choral Union members must be able to access the internet and the choral union websites for other policies and homework assignments. All policies listed at that website will be in force and constitute a portion of this syllabus. This abbreviated syllabus is formally given to reduce paper waste.

*The Academic Success Center provides academic and disability resources for all Stetson University students. Students who anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of a course should meet with the course instructor to discuss ways to ensure full participation. If disability-related accommodations are necessary, please register with the Academic Success Center (822-7127; www.stetson.edu/asc). The student, course instructor, and the ASC will plan how best to coordinate accommodations.*

*The ASC also coordinates free tutoring on campus for students. You can meet with a tutor to review principles, learn content-specific study strategies, and enhance content area knowledge. To review the available tutoring options and schedules, please see our website www.stetson.edu/asc/tutoring.php.*