



Syllabus

15800 Calvary Rd
Kansas City, MO 64147

Course: MU437 T TN Choral Literature
Credit: 2 Semester Hours
Semester: Fall 2023
Day/Time/Place: Thursdays 1-2:20/ E. Ed Room 109
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I. DESCRIPTION

A study of basic and advanced choral literature. Included will be criteria for choral music selection, evaluation of choral literature, and selection of choral literature appropriate for a variety of types of vocal ensembles and choirs. (*Interdisciplinary Bible Course)

**This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.*

II. OBJECTIVES

A. General competencies to be achieved. The student:

1. Will explore choral music related to specific historical periods.
 - i. PLO 3.
 - ii. A, B
2. Will identify and apply appropriate performance practice to music of the different historical periods.
 - i. PLO 1. 3.
 - ii. A, B
3. Will gain insight in the digital and print resources available to locate and obtain music for performance.
 - i. PLO 3.
 - ii. A, B
4. Develop concert programming skills.
 - i. PLO 1. 2. 3.
 - ii. A, B

B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student:

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1. Will create a list of the major choral works and composers of each historic style period.
 - i. PLO 1. 2. 3.
 - ii. A, B
2. Will be able to identify specific pieces by composer and title.
 - i. PLO 1. 3.
 - ii. A, B
3. Will identify and categorize unfamiliar music examples by genre, period and possible composer.
 - i. PLO 1. 3.
 - ii. A, B
4. Will create a rehearsal and performance plan for a high school choir program concert with representative pieces from each major style period.
 - i. PLO 1. 2. 3.
 - ii. A, B

IV. METHODS

- A. In-class methods: lecture, discussion, listening, observation.
- B. Out-of-class methods: reading, study, listening, observation.

V. GRADING

1. Attendance, Attitude, In class listening, Discussion	20%
2. Outside listening, score study and reading assignment	20%
3. Literature Project	30%
4. Final	30%
Total	100%

VI. MATERIALS

MUST HAVE: Holy Bible

MUST HAVE: Shrock, Dennis *Choral Repertoire*, 1st edition. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0195327786, **New: \$87**

Recommended Textbook: Shrock, Dennis *Choral Scores*, 1st edition. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0199781904, **New: \$69**

VI. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All students must attend class. Campus students are **required to attend** the class in person at the scheduled time and location.
If you miss a class, it is YOUR responsibility to find out **what was done, what was assigned**, and to **be prepared** when you return to class.
- The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the

following: New American Standard (NASB, English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases, and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.

- Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.
- *Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.*
- The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.
- All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.

Grading Scale: See grading scale in the university catalog

Carnegie Units

Seat Time in Class	21	
Exam	2	
Reading+ Assignments	42	800 pages
Project	25	
Total	90	