Undergrad Conducting



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Course Information

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Term: Fall 2024

Course Number: MUAG 3820

Course Credit Hours: 2

Meeting Location: Music Building Room 230

Meeting Time: Monday & Wednesday 8:00–9:20 am **Prerequisites:** MUAG 3800, MUTH 2500 & 2510

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Course Description

Focuses on refining physical skills, the introduction of group choral training, choral rehearsal techniques and aural development skills.

Course Objectives

- 1. To develop each student's ability to move with clear, influential, expressive intention for the purpose of sustaining non-verbal musical dialogue with an ensemble.
- 2. To develop each student's musical analytical skills as they relate to full and vocal scores.
- 3. To provide a laboratory environment in which students can devise, attempt, and refine rehearsal techniques and strategies with the help of peer coaching and instructor feedback.
- 4. To develop each student's aural skills by linking score study to audiation, experimenting with non-verbal vocalization as a primary means of communicating with an ensemble, and refining diagnostic skills through direct engagement of a broad spectrum of musical styles and textures with a live ensemble (whenever possible).

5. To apply concepts from non-musical and musical experiences to a broader understanding of conducting.

Required Materials

Textbook

Haithcock, Michael, Brian K. Doyle, Kevin M. Geraldi, & Jerald Schwiebert. *The Elements of Expressive Conducting*. Tecumseh, MI: Conway Publications, 2020.

Scores

The numbers reference their location in the Choral Library. An asterisk refers to a PDF on Canvas. All other scores are to be purchased from Penders.

- America the Beautiful R. Nathaniel Dett*
- Arise and Greet the Day Victor C. Johnson
- Awake the Harp (from The Creation) Josef Haydn*
- Be Who You Are Ryan Main
- Cantate Hodie! (Sing Joyfully!) Mary Lynn Lightfoot
- Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn*
- The Cat I Found Barbara Rosen*
- Come Travel with Me Scott Farthing
- Dies Irae Christi Jones
- Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes, CPM 198 José Mauricio Nunes Garcia*
- Even When He Is Silent Kim Andre Arnesen 200517
- Friends, Come Around John Hetlend*
- Hold Fast to Dreams Susan LaBarr
- I Believe Mark A. Miller
- I Thank You God Gwyneth Walker 200409
- Immutemur Habitu José Maurício Nunes Garcia*
- Keep Your Lamps arr. André J. Thomas
- Let There Be Peace on Earth arr. Rollo Dilworth
- Listen to the Rhythm Carol Lynn Mizell
- Music of Life B.E. Boykin
- My Country, 'Tis of Thee Samuel Francis Smith*
- O Magnum Mysterium Evan Ramos
- Peace I Leave with You Amy Beach*
- The Seeds of Love arr. S. Baring Gould, Cecil B. Sharp, & Margues L. A. Garrett
- Sicut cervus Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
- Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs (from Messiah) George F. Handel*

- Veni, Sancte Spiritus Zanaida Robles 101938
- We Are the Music Makers Reginal Wright
- We Shall Walk arr. Undine Smith Moore 101476

Miscellaneous

- baton
- colored pencils (physical or digital)

Cell Phone Policy

Although cell phones may be used to video record your time on the podium and to complete daily inclass transfer assignments, they may not be used to display music (i.e., you may not read your part off your phone). The minimum screen size that is acceptable for music reading in class is a 9.7" iPad (or similar). Students without access to a sufficiently large screen should download and print all PDF music, and read from the class textbook.

Professionalism

Professionalism is the conduct, behavior and attitude of someone in a work or business environment. A person doesn't have to work in a specific profession to demonstrate the important qualities and characteristics of a professional. Professionalism leads to workplace success, a strong professional reputation, and a high level of work ethic and excellence. https://career.vt.edu/develop/ https://career.vt.edu/develop/ https://career.vt.edu/develop/professionalism.html)

(https://career.vt.edu/develop/professionalism.html) In this course, the elements of professionalism that will be assessed and will have an impact on the course grade are as follows:

- Attendance & Punctuality are required and vital to the lab-based structure of the course.
 Attendance and punctuality will be assessed through daily transfer assignments submitted through Canvas. Upon arrival in class, each student should complete and submit the daily transfer. Transfers submitted within the first 15 minutes of class will earn full credit; transfers submitted after the first 15 minutes but before the end of the class period will earn half credit. Students who are absent will simply miss a day of class and not earn the attendance/transfer point associated with it.
 - Students are not to schedule their end-of-semester jury against a regularly scheduled class.
- Engagement & 'Presence' are qualities that distinguish the most outstanding and effective
 professionals from the merely adequate. These qualities are essential for conductors and
 educators alike and therefore are required in this course. Students who experience repeated
 difficulties in maintaining engagement and 'presence' may be counted absent regardless of their
 location or submission of a daily transfer assignment. The elements of engagement and
 'presence' are:
 - Full attention to whomever is speaking or demonstrating, evident through the absence of multi-

- tasking (texting, gaming, answering emails, playing with pets, reading, watching videos, etc.)
- Active and collegial participation in discussions, including clear evidence of 'presence' in the student's physical demeanor (eye contact, pro- and reactive facial expressions, upright and balanced posture)
- Responsibility & Reliability are attributes at the core of professionalism. These attributes will be assessed as follows:
 - Deadlines: the due dates for all assignments are included in the following section and on the course calendar. Assignments submitted after the due date may receive constructive feedback but will not count toward the course grade.
 - Communication: All communication for the course as well as submission of all assignments will take place through email. Any correspondence (phone, text, handwritten note, etc.) other than via Canvas or email will not be accounted for.

Additional Expectations

- Students are to demonstrate the professionalism expected of practicing music educators. Basic elements of professionalism include (1) consistent and punctual attendance, (2) professional conduct, communication, and presence, and (3) proper and timely completion of assignments. Assessment of professionalism will rely on students providing indicators of their understanding and valuing these elements: (1) records for class meetings and practicum attendance will indicate students' appreciation of consistent and punctual attendance; (2) observations of in-class and out-of-class interactions with students and professors (e.g., email) will indicate students' development of professional conduct, communication, and presence; and (3) Canvas submission records will indicate students' timely completion of assignment.
- The professionalism expectations are designed to prepare students for a career as a music teacher. In that position, it is never acceptable to unexpectedly miss a day of work or to arrive late to the start of their teaching duties. When teachers must miss work, they always provide their employer advanced notice. Therefore, the expectation is that students attend all class sessions and arrive on time. When students must miss a class session, they must notify the instructor of an absence prior to the beginning of class.

Assessment & Grading

Assessment will take several forms depending on the activity. The specific scheme will be posted with the instruction for each assignment on Canvas.

All assignments are required, and there will be no opportunities to earn 'extra credit' in this course. All assignments are due on the date and time shown in the Canvas assignment. Assignments submitted past the deadline may receive constructive feedback but will not factor into the course grade. For the guidelines surrounding the daily transfers, see "Attendance & Punctuality" in Professionalism above. Failure to complete 0-point assignments will result in points deducted from the professionalism grade (see "Responsibility & Reliability" in Professionalism above).

Within the confines of healthy work-life balance, all assignments will receive feedback in a timely manner.

Assignment/Assessment Descriptions

Note: Details are in each Canvas assignment including the related course objective(s).

- Conductor Observations To allow the students to evaluate rehearsals processes including gesture work. (6 points each)
- Conductor Prep To prepare students for gesture and/or rehearsal lab and podium times including a marked score submission. (varying points each)
- Daily Transfers To describe an instance of transfer experienced since the previous conducting class session (1 point each)
- Extra Evidence To show creativity in making transfers from course content to anything else. (10 points)
- Folk Song Arrangement The arrangement will be used in Lab #2 to explore extended and mixed meters in addition to dynamics and cues. (5 points)
- Introductory Questionnaire Individual information used to personalize instruction (0 points)
- Podcast This is a creativity project aimed to help each student explore a story related to repertoire. (5 points)
- Podium Time Rep Selections Each student ranks their selections of repertoire for the lab and podium times. (0 points each)
- Podium Times The graded conducting times where they must successfully use what has been learned in the previous week or two. (10 points each)
- Professionalism See above (0 points)
- Social Cues Exercise To observe people in various spaces and log the situation and their responses to nonverbal communication (0 points)
- Warmups Each student will warmup the class at least once during the semester according to the schedule. (0 points)

Grading Criteria

- Podium Times = 50 points
- Conductor Prep = 85 points
- Conductor Observations = 12 points
- Daily Transfers = 25 points
- Miscellaneous Assignments = 20 points
- Total = 192 points

A = 90% and above

B = 80 - 89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59% and lower

Course Schedule

Monday	Wednesday
August 19	August 21
Discussion: Introduction & review of basic patterns	Repertoire: The Seeds of Love; Sicut Cervus
HW: Read Chapter 9, "The Informed Conductor: Score Study Considerations for the Beginning Conductor," & "The First Five Minutes: A Structure for Success" Assignments: Introductory Questionnaire (due Aug 20); Podium Time #1 Rep Selection (due Aug 20)	Rehearsal discussion: Warmups Gesture discussion: Communication, channel of communication Rehearsal discussion: Score preparation HW: Read Chapters 10 & 12
August 26 Repertoire: Rounds (Friends, Come Around; The Cat I Found) Gesture discussion: Dynamics & cues HW: Read Chapter 13 Assignment: Social Cues Exercise (due Aug 27)	August 28 Repertoire: My Country, 'Tis of Thee Lab #1 Gesture discussion: Basic patterns and baton use
September 2 No class	September 4 No class
September 9 Gesture discussion: Review of articulations	September 11 Repertoire: Domine, tu mihi lavas pedes; Peace I Leave with You; You

HW: Read Chapter 11 Assignments: Conductor Prep #1 (due Sep 9); Podium Time #2 Rep Selection (due Sep 10)	Are Love; America the Beautiful Podium Time #1 Rehearsal discussion: Diction	
September 16 Rehearsal discussion: Developing an aural image Gesture discussion: Fermatas	September 18 Repertoire: Even When He Is Silent; I Thank You God Rehearsal discussion: Developing an aural image Gesture discussion: Fermatas	
September 23 Gesture discussion: Facial affect HW: Read Chapter 15 Assignment: Folk song arrangements (pgs. 97–99) (due Sep 24)	September 25 Repertoire: I Thank You God; Immutemur Habitu Gesture discussion: Fermatas, tempo changes, active vs. passive gestures HW: Read Chapters 17–19	
September 30 Repetoire: Veni, Sancte Spiritus Rehearsal discussion: Seating arrangements Gesture discussion: Extended meters	October 2 Repetoire: Folk song arrangements Lab #2 Assignments: Conductor Prep #2 (due Oct 3); Observation #1 (due Oct 4)	
October 7 No class Assignment: Podium Time #3 Rep Selection (due Oct 8) October 14	October 9 No class October 16	

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Repertoire: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from Elijah); Hark! Hark My Soul;

Hail! Hail to Winter Bold

Podium Time #2

Repertoire: Sicut Cervus; Awake the Harp (excerpt) (from The Creation)

Gesture discussion: Tempo and

polyphony

Assignment: Conductor Prep #3 (due

Oct 18)

October 21

Repertoire: America the Beautiful; My

Country, 'Tis of Thee

Rehearsal discussion: Rehearsal

strategy and feedback

October 23

Repertoire: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from Elijah); Hark! Hark My Soul;

Hail! Hail to Winter Bold

Lab #3 (part 1): Error detection

Assignment: Lab #4 Rep Selection

(due Oct 24)

October 28

Repertoire: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (from Elijah); Hark! Hark My Soul; Hail! Hail to Winter Bold

Lab #3 (part 2): Error detection

Gesture discussion: Rhythmic integrity

October 30

Repertoire: Cantate Hodie (Sing Joyfully); I Believe; O Magnum Mysterium

Podium Time #3 (part 1)

November 4

Repertoire: Cantate Hodie (Sing Joyfully); I Believe; O Magnum

Mysterium

Podium Time #3 (part 2)

Assignment: Conductor Prep #4 (due

Nov 5)

November 6

Repertoire: We Shall Walk

Rehearsal discussion: Creativity and

creating a story

November 11

Repertoire: Hold Fast to Dreams; Keep

November 13

Repertoire: Hold Fast to Dreams; Keep

Your Lamps; Surely he hath borne our Your Lamps; Surely he hath borne our briefs (from Messiah); We Are the briefs (from Messiah); We Are the Music Makers Music Makers Lab #4 (part 1) Lab #4 (part 2) HW: "CPDL (Choral Public Domain Rehearsal discussion: Repertoire Library)—A Gold Mine for Choral planning Directors" Assignment: Podium Time #5 Rep Selection (due Nov 14) Assignment: Observation #2 November 20 November 18 Repertoire: Hold Fast to Dreams; Keep Your Lamps; Surely he hath borne our Repertoire: Hold Fast to Dreams; Keep briefs (from Messiah); We Are the Your Lamps; Surely he hath borne our Music Makers briefs (from Messiah); We Are the Music Makers Podium Time #4 Podium Time #4 Assignments: Conductor Prep #5 (due Nov 20); Podcast (due Nov 21) **November 25** November 27 No class No class December 4 December 2 Repertoire: Arise and Greet the Day; Repertoire: Arise and Greet the Day; Be Who You Are; Come Travel with Be Who You Are; Come Travel with Me; Dies Irae; Let There Be Peace on Me; Dies Irae; Let There Be Peace on Earth; Listen to the Rhythm; Music of Earth; Listen to the Rhythm; Music of Life Life Lab #5 (part 1) Lab #5 (part 2) December 9 Repertoire: Arise and Greet the Day; Be Who You Are; Come Travel with Me; Dies Irae; Let There Be Peace on

Earth; Listen to the Rhythm; Music of
Life
Podium Time #5
Assignment due: Extra Evidence

Important Links for Student Success

Academic Integrity

https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003

https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

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https://aits.unt.edu/eagleconnect

https://aits.unt.edu/eagleconnect

https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/officedisability-access ➡ (https://

studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disabilityaccess)

(940) 565-4323)

 https://music.unt.edu/student-health

 Health and Safety Information
 and-wellness ⊕ (https://music.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness)

Registration Information for Students
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Final Exam Schedule, Spring 2024 See above

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap <a href="http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap <a href

Progress <u>financialaid.unt.edu/sap)</u>

Retention of Student Records http://ferpa.unt.edu/ □ (http://

ferpa.unt.edu/)

http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-

and-testing-services ⇒ (http://

studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-

testing-services)

<u>https://speakout.unt.edu</u> <u>□ (https://</u>

speakout.unt.edu)

https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/

registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-

registration-guide.html)

Student Resources <u>https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources</u>

⇒ (https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources)

Care Team <u>https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-team</u>

Course Summary:

Counseling and Testing

Add/Drop Policy

Date	Details	Due
Mon May 6, 2024	Extra Evidence (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271534)	due by 1:30pm

Date	Details	Due
Mon Aug 19, 2024	Transfer #00 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271551)	due by 9:20am
	Introductory Questionnaire (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2271527)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Aug 20, 2024	Podium Time #1 Rep Selection (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271541)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Aug 21, 2024	Transfer #01 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271552)	due by 8:15am
Mon Aug 26, 2024	Transfer #02 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271553)	due by 8:15am
Tue Aug 27, 2024	Social Cues Exercise (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271550)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Aug 28, 2024	Transfer #03 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271554)	due by 8:15am
Wed Sep 4, 2024	No Class (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271536)	due by 8am
Mon Sep 9, 2024	Transfer #04 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271555)	due by 8:15am
	Conductor Prep #1 (Part 1) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366329)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	Conductor Prep #1 (Part 2) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366339)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Sep 10, 2024	Podium Time #2 Rep Selection (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271543)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Con 11, 2024	Podium Time #1 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271540)	due by 8am
Wed Sep 11, 2024	Transfer #05 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2278906)	due by 8:15am
Mon Sep 16, 2024	Transfer #06 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271562)	due by 8:15am
Wed Sep 18, 2024	Transfer #07 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271563)	due by 8:15am
Mon Sep 23, 2024	Transfer #08 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271556)	due by 8:15am
Tue Sep 24, 2024	Folk Song Arrangement (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2271576)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Sep 25, 2024	Transfer #09 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271557)	due by 8:15am
Mon Sep 30, 2024	Transfer #10 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271558)	due by 8:15am

Date	Details	Due
Wed Oct 2, 2024	Transfer #11 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271559)	due by 8:15am
	Conductor Prep #2 (Part 1) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366343)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Oct 3, 2024	Conductor Prep #2 (Part 2) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366346)	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 4, 2024	Conductor Observation 1 (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2271526)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 7, 2024	No Class (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271537)	due by 8am
Tue Oct 8, 2024	Podium Time #3 Rep Selection (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271545)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Oct 9, 2024	No Class (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271538)	due by 8am
Mon Oct 14, 2024	Podium Time #2 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271542)	due by 8am
	Transfer #12 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271560)	due by 8:15am
Wed Oct 16, 2024	Transfer #13 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271561)	due by 8:15am

Date	Details	Due
	Conductor Prep #3 (Part 1) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366352)	due by 10:18am
Fri Oct 18, 2024	Conductor Prep #3 (Part 2) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366355)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 21, 2024	Transfer #14 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271567)	due by 8:15am
Wed Oct 23, 2024	Transfer #15 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271564)	due by 8:15am
Thu Oct 24, 2024	Podium Time #4 Rep Selection (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271547)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 28, 2024	Transfer #16 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271565)	due by 8:15am
W 10 100 0004	Podium Time #3 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271544)	due by 8am
Wed Oct 30, 2024	Transfer #17 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271566)	due by 8:15am
Mon Nov 4, 2024	Transfer #18 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271568)	due by 8:15am
Tue Nov 5, 2024	Conductor Prep #4 (Part 1) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366365)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
	Conductor Prep #4 (Part 2) (https://unt.instructure.com/	due by 11:59pm
	<u>courses/112428/</u> <u>assignments/2366393</u>)	
Wed Nov 6, 2024	Transfer #19 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271574)	due by 8:15am
	Transfer #20 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271575)	due by 8:15am
Mon Nov 11, 2024	Conductor Observation 2 (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2271528)	due by 11:59pm
Wed Nov 13, 2024	Transfer #21 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271569)	due by 8:15an
Thu Nov 14, 2024	Podium Time #5 Rep Selection (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271549)	due by 11:59pm
	Podium Time #4 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271546)	due by 8am
Mon Nov 18, 2024	Transfer #22 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271570)	due by 8:15an
Wed Nov 20, 2024	Transfer #23 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271571)	due by 8:15an
	Conductor Prep #5 (Part 1) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366448)	due by 11:59pn

Date	Details	Due
	Conductor Prep #5 (Part 2) (https://unt.instructure.com/ courses/112428/ assignments/2366450)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Nov 21, 2024	Podcast (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271539)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Dec 2, 2024	Transfer #24 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271572)	due by 8:15am
Wed Dec 4, 2024	Transfer #25 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271573)	due by 8:15am
Mon Dec 9, 2024	Podium Time #5 (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2271548)	due by 8am
	Professionalism (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2292391)	
	Warmups (https:// unt.instructure.com/courses/112428/ assignments/2293445)	