GRCC Department of Music  
College Orchestra Syllabus

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**Course information:** MUS 196 College Orchestra  

**Course description**  
- The college Orchestra studies and performs works from all periods of music, appropriate to the instrumentation of the ensemble. MUS 196 is required of music majors whose primary instrument is violin, viola, cello or string bass. Wind players enroll with permission of the instructor. Non-music majors are encouraged to play in the ensemble and may or may not enroll for credit.  
- This course is design to provide quality performance experiences in chamber orchestra setting, studying and performing standard orchestra repertoire. Students will deepen their knowledge of orchestra literature and music history, develop greater instrumental technique and sensitivity to elements of different performance style periods.

**Required materials:**  
Sheet music will be provided at the beginning of semester. Students are required to turn all of their music back at the end of the semester. Students will need their prospective instruments and lead pencils.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Student in this course will be guided to develop and apply their knowledge of music theory, history, and literature, identify and discriminate between stylistic features, principal genres, and contributions of representative composers of the traditional stylistic eras of Western music. They will learn to identify and interpret terms and symbols found in music scores, make critical judgments about expressive qualities of music performances, identify qualities of music performance: characteristic tone quality, phrasing, blend, balance, timbre, tempo, dynamics, articulation, and both linear and vertical intonation.

**Semester:** Winter 2015  
**Class Schedule:** TTR 12:45 pm- 2:15 pm  
**Room:** MC 304  
**Credit Hours:** 1

**Concert Attire:**  
Concert black for women is long sleeve black dress, or black top with long black skirt, black hose, and black dress shoes. Men’s attire is black tuxedo and black shirt, black bow tie and black dress shoes.

**Class Requirements:**  
- **Musicians are expected to prepare each piece (or specified section) prior to the rehearsal of the piece.**  
- Music folders will be assigned to each orchestra member. Keep your music and pencils in the folder and bring it to every rehearsal and performance

**Performance schedule:**  
Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm in St. Cecilia Music Center  
Thursday, April 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm Fountain Church (dress rehearsal)  
Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm Fountain Church Musical Moods  
1-2 visits to local high schools during regular rehearsal times (February)
**Attendance:**

First day of class is reserved for auditions, chair placement, music distribution and bowings marking. Musicians are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Absences must be excused by conductor or grade penalties will result.

- Two unexcused absence will lower the semester grade by half of a grade letter
- Performance absence will lower the semester grade by whole grade letter
- Rehearsals begin ON TIME, otherwise, penalties for tardiness will result.
- All scheduling conflict must be discussed with the conductor prior to rehearsal

**Grading:**

The grade will reflect quality of rehearsal preparation and participation (attentiveness, attendance, rehearsal conduct and attitude, and individual preparation of music), as well as their quality of performance.

**College Policies**

**GRCC Email and Course Communications**

Students are responsible for all communications sent via Blackboard and their GRCC email account. GRCC student email can be accessed through [http://email.grcc.edu](http://email.grcc.edu) and Blackboard at [http://bb.grcc.edu](http://bb.grcc.edu)

**Disability Support Services**

Students with disabilities who wish to request accommodations must be registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) Office in Room 368 of the Student Center. You may contact them at (616) 234-4140 for more information. Once you are registered with the DSS Office, you will be given an Accommodations Agreement to present to me to verify your registration. Please see me as soon as possible so we may have a private conversation to discuss accommodations.

**Student Code of Conduct**

All GRCC students are held accountable to the Student Code of Conduct, which outlines expectations pertaining to academic honesty (including cheating and plagiarism), classroom conduct, and general conduct. The Code can be found in full at [http://www.grcc.edu/codeofconduct](http://www.grcc.edu/codeofconduct)

**Changes to the Syllabus**

The instructor reserves the right to change the contents of this syllabus due to unforeseen circumstances. Students will be given notice of relevant changes in class, through a Blackboard Announcement or GRCC email.