

# 21M.401

## MIT Concert Choir Syllabus

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Students may register for 21M.401 to receive 6 units (0-2-4) of music performance for their participation in the MIT Concert Choir. This credit may be used to fulfill a HASS concentration, minor or major in music. There are no prerequisites. However, an audition is required.

Students may also choose to participate without registering for credit. Responsibilities and expectations are virtually the same.

REHEARSALS are MW, 7-9:30pm in 26-100.

These rehearsals will occasionally be broken down in the following manner:

SECTIONALS: 7-8pm followed by

TUTTI REHEARSAL: 8-9:30pm

### GRADING POLICY

Grades are based on ATTENDANCE (50%), JURIES (40%) and what we like to call our SERVICE REQUIREMENT (10%)

**ATTENDANCE** – sectionals, rehearsals (including rehearsals outside of our regular rehearsal time)

1. Each **unexcused** absence will result in lowering your grade by one letter name. Absences should be reported to your section leader.
2. Excused absences include – health (doctor's note required), family emergency, job interview, MIT class-related travel.
3. Attendance at DRESS REHEARSALS is MANDATORY. Missing a dress rehearsal will result in a failing grade.
4. Three missed rehearsals or sectionals (excused or unexcused) will warrant a re-audition.
5. Three tardies will result in expulsion from the choir. Leaving rehearsal early without notifying the conductor or section leader will also result in expulsion.

**JURIES** (mid term and final) – are a testing of your knowledge of the music.

A = pitches and rhythms accurate; all expressive markings and articulations observed.

B = pitches and rhythms accurate

C = mistakes in pitches and/or rhythms

D = did you come to rehearsal?

**SERVICE REQUIREMENT** – each choir member is expected to complete TWO hours of service. These servicesaid in the successful operation of the choir. You may fulfill this requirement by doing any of the following:

1. Serve as an officer or section leader (pretty much a guaranteed automatic A in the class!)
2. Serve as an accompanist for sectionals (ditto above parenthesis)
3. Distribute posters to promote our performances
4. Help to create, paint and hang drop posters
5. Help distribute tickets to our performances in Lobby 10
6. Baking, buying, setting up, or cleaning up for our SOCIALS and/or post concert receptions.
7. Help with special tasks that come up during the term.

**Please be ON TIME!!** Rehearsal begins at 7:05 in accordance with MIT class schedule guidelines. Rehearsals will end precisely at 9:30pm if not slightly before.

Bring a **PENCIL!!** I will say MANY brilliant....not to mention musically pertinent...things that you'll want to write in your music!