



**MUCO 5111/5211 Applied Conducting for Non-majors
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Division of Church Ministry
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MISSION STATEMENT

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRIES VISION STATEMENT

Developing excellence in Kingdom-minded music and worship leaders

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce students to basic conducting techniques and score study. Prerequisite: MUTH 5301 or passing an instructor-designed theory exam to prove a reasonable level of competence in notational reading.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The students will:

- 1) Discover leadership principles in relationship to becoming a conductor.
- 2) Examine their potential for leadership in a rehearsal.
- 3) Discover various types of nonverbal communication.
- 4) Discover various conducting patterns.
- 5) Apply their understanding of leadership skills, score study, and conducting patterns in choral rehearsals.
- 6) Examine characteristics and/or conducting techniques associated with notable conductors and worship leaders.
- 7) Compare leadership concepts associated with developing choral excellence with leadership concepts associated with developing rhythm-band excellence.
- 8) Integrate biblical concepts related to servant-leadership into their emerging philosophy on sacred choral conducting.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Woodward, Gregory. *The Millennial Cantor and Conductor: From Jewish Cantillation to Contemporary Contexts*. Toronto: Kobo, 2016.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

1. Demonstration
2. Laboratory experience
3. Individual practice

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The students will:

- 1) 10% of final grade: Meet with the instructor 30 minutes or 60 minutes a week depending on the number of credit hours one is taking.
Distant Student: The student will meet with the instructor weekly 30 minutes or 60 minutes a week through Bluejeans video-conferencing technology depending on the number of credit hours one is taking.
- 2) 18% of final grade: Analyze various instructor-approved scores and prepare at least 5 scores for rehearsal. Adequate score preparation is required before a piece can be introduced in rehearsal. Adequate score preparation includes visual score analysis, being able to play any vocal part on the piano for the entire piece or a specified section based on the nature of the score, and being able to sing any vocal part for the entire piece or a specified section. Other aspects of adequate score study are covered in the textbook and will be discussed in class.
- 3) 15% of final grade: Complete various weekly assignments associated with the development of choral techniques and conducting skills.
- 4) 29% of final grade: Demonstrate leadership skills by conducting at least 5 songs or portions of these songs in a choir setting. These conducting sessions must be at least 10-minutes in length and must be video-taped.
- 5) 18% of final grade: Complete at least 5 conducting review sheets for the 5 teaching experiences described above. Independent conducting review sheets for individual assignments may be required in addition to class conducting assignments.
- 6) 10% of final grade: Observe two instructor-approved conductors in person and one conductor through some form of media (e.g., YouTube) and turn in a typed review of these conducting examples.
 - If a student must miss a lesson, the make-up of the lesson will be at the discretion of the instructor. If the instructor must miss a lesson, the student will be expected to meet with his/her accompanist and do a videotaped practice session. A non-resident student may tape a private session with pre-recorded accompaniment rather than live accompaniment. (Live accompaniment is preferred if possible.)
 - All writing projects must be submitted to Dr. Woodward via Google Drive.
 - Every student must purchase a baton. New Orleans students will be videoed using the school's digital camera. These videos will be emailed to the student through google drive. If the resident student has an alternate method of video-recording, this method may be acceptable if the video can be made accessible for the instructor. The non-resident student will be required to make at least 10-minutes of their song presentations in rehearsals available to the instructor through video.
 - The non-resident student will be required to meet through Bluejeans and purchase all technology necessary to operate Bluejeans for private lesson sessions with the instructor.

The non-resident student must have a video camera available for the 5 rehearsal sessions that must be recorded.

- Conductors are encouraged to participate in all ensembles for which they are eligible. Non-residents are encouraged to participate in the ensemble provided through the Baptist convention for their state.

* Writing assignments should follow the **NOBTS/Leavell College Manual of Form and Style** (*revised August 2019*). To access this manual on the seminary website, please use the following link: https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf.

EVALUATION

- A final average of 93% to 100%—A
- A final average of 85% to 92%—B
- A final average of 77% to 84%—C
- A final average of 70% to 76%—D
- A final average below 70%—F

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

HELP FOR WRITING PAPERS AT “THE WRITE STUFF”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

PLAGIARISM ON WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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