Course Description
The MVC Chorus is a vocal ensemble whose goal is to study and perform a wide variety of choral repertoire at the highest artistic level. In doing so the students will learn how to develop the voice and become more musically literate in both music reading and in a variety of choral genres and styles. This course focuses on choral singing technique, ensemble singing technique, and learning and performance of assigned music. A wide variety of music representing the literature of the great eras of music history as well as contemporary styles will be studied and performed.

Course Materials/Supplies Needed
- Black choir folder which will be provided  
  o You are required to return your folder at the end of the semester.
- Music will be assigned to you according to a number  
  o You are required to return your music at the end of the semester.
- Students are required to bring their music, choir folder, and a pencil to class.
- **Concert Attire** – Performance dress will be discussed

Extra Rehearsal
There will be a mandatory extra rehearsal on Monday, May 4th, in the MVC Performance Hall. This extra rehearsal will be treated as a regular class meeting. The rehearsal time will be announced in class.
Concert Date
Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30pm – MVC Performance Hall
- Call time: 5:30pm – room E24

The concert is the final exam in this course.

Course Objectives
Students will learn assigned music, vocal warm-ups, vocal technique, music terminology, memorization skills, and ensemble performance skills.

Student Learning Outcomes
After successful completion of this course the student should be able to:
- Improve listening skills
- Develop positive ways to interact with others in creating a musical product
- Improve singing and musicianship
- Learn and practice effective rehearsal techniques
- Engage in critical listening of the ensemble and other ensembles.

Course Outline
Students will attend class as scheduled and all additional rehearsals and performances. Additional required events may be added as the semester progresses.

Evaluation Procedures
Attendance (concerts & rehearsal) 80%
Participation 20%

Attendance and participation are the major parts of your grade. This includes being present for the entirety of all classes. It also includes participating in all activities, completing assignments, learning music, memorizing as assigned, and any other assignments given in class. Each class will consist of vocal exercises and work on assigned music. As the semester progresses, deadlines will be set for learning music and possible memorization. Failure to meet deadlines will affect the participation grade.

Grading Scale
Total 100%
A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59% and below

The instructor will not round up grades for this course. For instance, a final grade of 89.9% is a B, and will not be rounded up to an A. The instructor will never e-mail a grade or give that information over the phone.

CONCERT SERIES 2014 – 2015
All concerts are at 7:30PM at MVC performance Hall with the exception of the 2:00PM student recital

SPRING 2015
MAR 5 – Chamber Music Recital
MAY 5 – MVC Choir Concert
MAY 7 – Student Recital (2:00 P.M. Performance)
MAY 7 – MVC Latin Jazz Concert

**All Concerts are free of charge and open to the community**

Instructor Attendance Policy
Attendance plays a vital role in a student's success in this class. Students are expected to be on time and attend all classes. Your grade is directly correlated to your attendance. We are an ensemble. Your absence will affect the whole ensemble. You are allowed 2 absences in a semester…for whatever reason. After 2 absences your grade will fall half a letter grade for each absence. **Missing a required performance will result in a failing grade.**

2=A
4=B
6=C
8=D
10 or missed performance = F

Students are expected to attend all classes. Students have the responsibility to attend class and to consult with the instructor when an absence occurs. If for some reason you must leave class early, you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class of your reason for leaving early. If missing class for **ANY REASON**, including doctor visits or work commitments, the student must **e-mail** the instructor that information. If it is not in e-mail form, it will not be considered an excused absence. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** There will be a sign-in sheet at the door for you to put your name on at the **beginning** of class.

Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes.

Certification Procedures
**THE CERTIFICATION DATE FOR THIS COURSE IS 2/9/15.** Students who are not certified as beginning class are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses.

Withdrawal Policy **(DROP DATE IS 4/20/15)**
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The withdrawal request must be received in the Registrar’s Office by 4/20/2015. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade, usually an "F." Students often drop courses when help is available that would enable them to continue. Please discuss your plans with your instructor if you feel the need to withdraw.
If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a "W" (Withdraw) in each class dropped.

Late Work Policy
**Late work is not accepted. Emailed assignments are not accepted.**
Makeup Exam Policy
There are no makeup performances or exams allowed.

Electronic Devices
Out of respect for other students and the instructor, students are expected to silence and/or turn off all cell phones, electronic devices and pagers during class time. If any student is seen talking on the phone during class they will be asked to leave.

Academic Dishonesty
Students that caught plagiarizing an assignment will be subject to an “F” in the course and possible expulsion from the college. Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/code.cfm.

Institution Policies
Please visit http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/.... for a complete list of institutional policies (Stop Before You Drop; Withdrawal Policy; Repeating a Course; Financial Aid; Academic Honesty; Americans with Disabilities Act Statement; Religious Holidays; and Campus Emergency Operation Plan and Contingency Plan.).
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<td>For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the Fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career, unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W.” Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas Public Institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges. For more information, you may access: <a href="https://econnect.dcccd.edu/eConnect/droppingfacts.html">https://econnect.dcccd.edu/eConnect/droppingfacts.html</a></td>
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<td><strong>Repeating a Course</strong></td>
<td>Effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge additional tuition to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. This class may not be repeated for the third or subsequent time without paying the additional tuition. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. More information is available at: <a href="http://www.dcccd.edu/pc/cost/3rdcrseattmpt/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.dcccd.edu/pc/cost/3rdcrseattmpt/Pages/default.aspx</a></td>
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<td>Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending by the certification date. In lecture classes, students must attend class prior to the certification date. Online students should follow the certification procedures as noted within the class syllabus. For certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses. Students who are receiving any form of financial aid should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy. If you are receiving financial aid grants or loans, you must begin attendance in all classes. Do not drop or stop attending any class without consulting the Financial Aid Office. Changes in your enrollment level and failing grades may require that you repay financial aid funds.</td>
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<td><strong>Academic Dishonesty</strong></td>
<td>Mountain View College and the Office of Special Services are committed to upholding the laws and the spirit of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed in 1990.</td>
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<td>Mountain View College has developed policies and procedures for dealing with emergencies that may occur on campus. A synopsis of emergency procedures can be found at: <a href="http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/business/police/Pages/emergencyprocedureenglish.aspx">http://www.mountainviewcollege.edu/business/police/Pages/emergencyprocedureenglish.aspx</a>. <strong>Contingency Plan</strong>: Mountain View College has developed an Instructional Contingency Plan for Temporary College Closing for On-Campus Courses. Please discuss this contingency plan with your instructor. For distance learning courses, your instructor will use email to contact students in the event of extended technology downtime. To assure work in the class continues, it is important for all students to have an accurate email address recorded in both eCampus and eConnect.</td>
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