MUG 6105
GRADUATE CONDUCTING
SYLLABUS
Fall Semester 2015 - Dr. Will Kesling, Instructor

Materials:  
Baton
Handouts & assigned scores from UF libraries

General Objectives:
1. To master the manual technique of the baton
2. To improve score study procedures
3. To survey the ultimate goals of conducting mastery

Specific Objectives:

The student will:
1. Redefine the use of the baton.
2. Demonstrate a mastery of beating common meters with traditional patterns while conducting a score.
3. Demonstrate a mastery of beating asymmetric meters with modern patterns while conducting a score.
4. Acquire advanced methods of cuing and gain a more refined use of the left hand.
5. Continue developing manual coordination and control, as well as independence required of the body (i.e. the head and each hand.)
6. Develop an increased awareness of the impression a person creates through their physical position and motion on the podium.
7. Master the execution and control of dynamics, speed, rubato, etc., by conducting assigned works.
8. Learn to control the five properties of beat: direction, speed, style, size and shape.
10. Become further exposed to the mechanics and interpretation of choral and orchestral scores.
11. Learn to communicate the musical phrase.

Course Requirements:

1. Mastery of daily conducting assignments and assigned exercises: 50%
2. Mid-term conducting project: 25%
3. Final conducting project: 25%

* Reasonable accommodation will be provided for all persons with disabilities in order to ensure participation in this class. Please see the School of Music for details.

*As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University." The instructor of this course fully supports the intent of the above statement and will not tolerate academic dishonesty. The members of the University of Florida Community pledge to hold themselves and their peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
### Proposed Conducting Schedule

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| 1     | Introduction: Purpose, requirements & procedures  
      | Discussion: "Defining a Conductor"  
      | Review: Beat Patterns, etc.        |
| 2     | Conducting -  
      | Bach: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring  
      | Palestrina: Cicut Cervus           |
| 3     | Conducting -  
      | Mozart: Ave Verum Corpus          
      | Handel: Coronation Anthem No.4 "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened" |
| 4     | Conducting -  
      | Vivaldi: Gloria                   |
| 5     | Conducting -  
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| 6     | Conducting -  
      | Faure: Requiem                    |
| 7     | Conducting -  
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| 8     | Conducting -  
      | Mozart: Requiem                   |
| 9     | Conducting -  
      | Mid-Term Project                  |
| 10    | Conducting -  
      | Mozart: Requiem                   |
| 11    | Conducting -  
      | Brahms: Requiem                   |
| 12    | Conducting -  
      | Brahms: Requiem                   |
| 13    | Conducting -  
      | Rutter: Gloria                    |
| 14    | Conducting -  
      | Bernstein: Chichester Psalms      |
| 15    | Conducting -  
      | Final Project                     |