Instrumental Conducting
MUS 4810 – Summer 2019

General Course Meeting Information
Classroom: MUS 150
Meeting Times: Tuesday | Thursday 1:00pm – 3:15pm

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Course Description
Prerequisite: MUS 3800; 3120 recommended. Experience offered in transposition, score reading, baton technique, and interpretation of instrumental literature; recognition of effective rehearsal procedure.

Student Learning Outcomes
The primary objectives of this course are to enable students: (1) to develop gestures which effectively convey a sense of musical meaning; (2) to develop skills to interpret musical scores; (3) to develop the ability to self-critique one’s own conducting.

Specific Skill Outcomes
• Ability to score read and analyze complex musical forms and harmonic structures in real time.
• Ability to demonstrate through singing all parts of the score, vocal and instrumental.
• Ability to deeply analyze and thereby internalize the entire score to the point of memorization.
• Ability to understand and execute musical consistency in large forms.

Required Texts (In full score)
1. Messiah, HWV 56, by George Frederick Handel (Bärenreiter edition – study score acceptable)
2. Dona Nobis Pacem, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (Oxford University Press)

Optional Text

Additional Required Materials
• A high-quality baton, such as can be found here from Mollard.
• A metronome or metronome app.
• Smart Phone or other device with which to record yourself conducting during class.
Important Dates
June 27 – First Exam
July 11 – Second Exam
August 1 – Final Exam

Course Policies, Procedures, and Attendance Policy
This course meets only eleven times, and is being taught in a lecture/activity format. Punctual attendance is mandatory for your participation. Absences for medical and work-related travel must be discussed with the instructor prior to your absence. Two or more unexcused absences will result in receiving 50% for participation, deduction your final grade by two full letter grades.

Grading Policy
60% - Three Exams (20% each)
40% - Class Participation

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*C- grade and below constitutes a non-passing grade in this course.

University Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy
Reasonable accommodation will be provided to any student who is registered with the Office of Students with Disabilities and who requests needed accommodation.

University Academic Honesty Policy
Students are expected to abide by the University’s Academic Honesty Policy. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Consequences for cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation or collusion may include: a lowered grade on the assignment, a failing grade on the assignment, or an “F” in the course. Information on student rights and responsibilities, academic honesty, standards of conduct, etc., can be found in the Schedule of Classes (http://www.calstatela.edu/classschedule/) under Policies and Procedures.