

Common Course Outline

MUSC 177

Chamber Ensembles

1 Semester Hour

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Chamber Ensembles

Provides an opportunity for students to participate in playing classical music in small groups of instrumentalists and pianists. Contact the Essex campus Music Office at 410-780-6521 for information.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

Overall Course Objectives

1. To develop an awareness of and an appreciation for chamber music.
2. To develop musicians' expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To train musicians in effective practice and performance techniques.
4. To train musicians in techniques associated with performance, including: quality of sound production, intonation and blend, ensemble awareness, musicianship, articulation and stylistic interpretation, counting habits and rhythmic precision.
5. To develop a professional attitude and respect for fellow musicians.
6. To create a healthy atmosphere conducive to building the teamwork that is essential to the success of the ensemble and the musicians' personal growth.

Major Topics

1. Exposure to chamber music from various historical periods.
2. Weekly rehearsals coached by ensemble director.
3. Sectional coaching by music faculty, members of the Baltimore Symphony, and other professional musicians.
4. Encouragement to attend live chamber music performances.
5. Listening assignments related to works being performed.
6. Performance at end of semester recital.

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance at weekly rehearsals and sectionals.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of performance proficiency and musical growth by ensemble director.
4. Active participation in concert performance.

Other Course Information