MUS 107 and 307 Course Syllabus

University Chorus | Fall 2026

Class	Monday, 6:30-9:20 PM
Rehearsal Room	Malibu Hall 100
Instructor/Conductor	Dr. KuanFen Liu
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Office: Bell Tower East 2844 | **Office hours:** Wednesday, 12:00–1:00 PM, by appointment only.

Course Description

Acquire knowledge, comprehension, and application of beginning to intermediate skills in choral singing. Students will develop musicianship and performance skills through rehearsals and performances. Choral repertoire chosen from the class will represent various historical periods,cultures, styles, genres, performance practices, and languages.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate beginning level vocal techniques
- Apply correct pitches as indicated with accurate intonation
- Execute appropriate articulation, dynamics, phrasing, and expression as directed
- Analyze, discuss, and present performance repertoire as directed
- Develop correct vocal diction in multiple languages
- Adapt professional level ensemble performance and rehearsal standards of conduct
- Evaluate and discuss the strength of personal and peer performances in rehearsal and performance settings

Course Content

Introduction

Acknowledge the origins, contributions, and confluences of African, Asian, European, and the Indigenous peoples of the Americas on the musical and related performance forms we practice today.

Course content includes musicianship development, rehearsal techniques, and final performance projects.

Musicianship Development

- Rhythm
- Harmony
- Intonation
- Articulation
- Sight-Reading
- Diction

Rehearsal Techniques

Rehearsal Etiquette

Blending and Phrasing

Sight-reading

Final Performance Projects

Collaborative Live Performances

Recording and/or Video Presentation

Course Requirements

- Attend every weekly rehearsal and arrive on time.
- Obtain advance approval for absences. A maximum of three excused absences from regular rehearsals is allowed each semester.
- For emergencies, notify the instructor and choir manager as soon as possible.
- Complete all course requirements to participate in performances and receive a final grade.
- For medical- or disability-related accommodations, refer to the Disability Accommodation Services statement below.

Required Materials

Music is selected by the conductor and distributed at the beginning of the semester. All scores are purchased by the Channel Islands Choral Association (CICA) and remain CICA property. Return all music at the end of the semester. Students are financially responsible for damaged or unreturned music. Mark borrowed scores in pencil only; do not use pen or highlighter.

CICA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that sponsors the CSU Channel Islands University Chorus, within which MUS 107 and 307 take place.

Attire for Live Performances

Option 1

- White button-up dress shirt; black tuxedo or black suit; black bow tie, socks, and shoes.

Option 2

- All-black attire: dress pants and/or skirt with top, or a long dress. Dresses and skirts must be at least three-quarter length.
- No spaghetti straps, bare shoulders, tube tops, low-cut tops, or excessive embellishment.
- Black closed-toe dress shoes and black stockings.

Forms: Waivers, Releases and Acceptable Use

All CSUCI students are required to sign all forms including waivers, releases or acceptable use requested by the University and/or CICA for participating in on-campus or off-campus activities, such as rehearsals and performances. Your instructor will provide you with any forms required and you must sign and return it before you may participate in any activity that is associated with this class.

Disability Accommodation Services

If you are a student with a disability requesting reasonable accommodations in this course, please visit Disability Accommodations and Support Services (DASS) located on the second floor of Arroyo Hall, or call 805-437-3331. All requests for reasonable accommodations require

registration with DASS in advance of needed services. You can apply for DASS services online. Faculty, students and DASS will work together regarding classroom accommodations. You are encouraged to discuss approved accommodations with your faculty.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

By enrolling at CSU Channel Islands, students are responsible for upholding the University's policies and the Student Conduct Code. Academic integrity and scholarship are values of the institution that ensure respect

for the academic reputation of the University, students, faculty, and staff. Cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration with another student, knowingly furnishing false information to the University, buying, selling or stealing any material for an examination, or substituting for another person may be considered violations of the Student Conduct Code. If a student is found responsible for committing an act of academic dishonesty in this course, the student may receive academic penalties including a failing grade on an assignment or in the course, and a disciplinary referral will be made and submitted to the Dean of Students office. For additional information, please see the faculty Academic Senate Policy on Academic Dishonesty, also in the CI Catalog. Please ask about my expectations regarding academic dishonesty in this course if they are unclear.

In addition, here are two documents specifically recommended for both faculty and students regarding the academic dishonesty policies:

a) a UC Davis guide to distinguish between collaboration and plagiarism: b) our CSUCI guide for faculty and students (see especially pp. 3-4 on “Strategies to Prevent Academic Dishonesty”).

Important Resources for Students

• The Island

• The Division of Student Affairs has created this website as a place for you to stay connected and engaged with the campus community during these challenging times. This site is a “one-stop shop” where you can find all of our virtual programming and support services in one place. We hope that you visit this site often, as it will be updated with new content and messaging regularly. We are here to support you as you continue with your studies at CI.

• Basic Needs

• CAPS

• Food Pantry

• Writing and Multi-Literacy Center

Campus Tutoring Services

You are encouraged to make early and regular use of campus tutors and/or peer-led study groups. For campus tutoring locations, subjects and hours, go to: http://go.csuci.edu/tutoring.

Civil Discourse Statement

All students, staff and faculty on our campus are expected to join in making our campus a safe space for communication and civil discourse. If you are experiencing discomfort related to the language you are hearing or seeing on campus (in or out of classes), please talk with a trusted faculty or staff member. Similarly, please consider whether the language that you are using (in person or on Canvas) respects the rights of others to “engage in informed discourse and express

a diversity of opinions freely and in a civil manner” (language from Academic Senate Resolution SR 16-01, Commitment to Equity, Inclusion, and Civil Discourse within our Diverse Campus Community).

In addition, students whose conduct adversely affects the learning environment in this classroom may be subject to disciplinary action. Students that disrupt this course may receive a verbal and written warning from the instructor, they may be excused from the class for the day, they may be excused from the class for up to one class period, and/or they may be referred to the Dean of Students office for further review and possible disciplinary action.

Emergency Intervention and Basic Needs Statement

If you or someone you know is experiencing unforeseen or catastrophic financial issues, skipping meals or experiencing homelessness/housing insecurity (e.g. sleeping in a car, couch surfing, staying with friends), please know that you are not alone. There are resources on campus that may assist you during this time. The Dolphin Pantry is currently located in Arroyo Hall and offers free food, toiletries and basic necessities for

current CI students. For additional assistance, please contact the Dean of Students office at (805) 437-8512 or visit Bell Tower 2565. Please visit the website for the most up to date information on the Basic Needs Program at CI: https://www.csuci.edu/basicneeds/.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides a wide range of confidential services to assist students in achieving their academic and personal goals and well-being. Services include confidential short-term counseling, crisis intervention, group therapy, and assistance with community referrals for a wide range of mental health concerns. Students can also meet with trained Mental Health Peers for support regarding school-related anxiety. CAPS is located in Bell Tower East Room 1867. Appointments are available in person and via telehealth. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 805-437-2088, by email at caps@csuci.edu, or by walking into the clinic. For more information, visit the CAPS website. Crisis phone support is available 24/7 by calling 855-854-1747 or by calling or texting 988.

Title IX and Inclusion

Title IX & Inclusion manages the University's equal opportunity compliance, including the areas of affirmative action and Title IX. Title IX & Inclusion also oversees the campus' response to the University's nondiscrimination policies. CSU Channel Islands prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind on the basis of a protected status (i.e., age, disability, gender, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition, nationality,

race or ethnicity, religion or religious creed, sexual orientation, and Veteran or Military Status). This prohibition on harassment includes sexual harassment, as well as sexual misconduct, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. For more information regarding CSU Channel Islands' commitment to diversity and inclusion or to report a potential violation, please contact Title IX & Inclusion at 805.437.2077 or visit https://www.csuci.edu/titleix/.

Preferred Pronouns

I will gladly use your preferred name and pronouns. Please share this information early in the semester so I can update my records. You may also update your preferred name or pronouns in myCI Student Center. Instructions are available at https://www.csuci.edu/registrar/preferred-name.htm.

Class Recording Policy

Students may not make audio or video recordings of this class except through an approved ADA accommodation. Accommodation-related recordings are for the student's personal academic use only and may not be shared or distributed.

Community Expectations

- Treat classmates' contributions with respect and support a productive learning environment.
- Ask for help when needed and offer help when appropriate.
- Respect diverse viewpoints and communicate carefully, especially in written or online exchanges.
- Participate consistently in collaborative activities and discussions.
- Keep class discussions, images, videos, and recordings within the enrolled class unless permission is granted.
- Use discretion and ensure all shared content meets academic standards and supports the course.
- Report concerns about violations of these expectations promptly to the instructor, with specific information.

University Chorus Calendar

Concert selections, rehearsal and performance formats, times, and dates are subject to change. Updates will be announced during rehearsals and by email.

Fall 2026

Weekly Rehearsals

- Mondays, August 24-November 30, 2026
- No rehearsal on September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)

Winter Concert Schedule

Event	Date and Time	Call Time	Venue
Dress Rehearsal	Monday, November 30, 6:30-9:20 PM	6:00 PM	St. Columba's Episcopal Church 1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo
Concert No. 1	Saturday, December 5, 3:00 PM (to be confirmed)	1:30 PM	St. Columba's Episcopal Church 1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo
Concert No. 2	Sunday, December 6, 3:00 PM	1:30 PM	Ventura First United Methodist Church 1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura

Spring 2027

Weekly Rehearsals

- Mondays, January 25-May 10, 2027
- No rehearsal on March 15 (Spring Recess)

Choral Spectacular 2027

A collaboration with Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, CSUCI Dance Studies, and Ventura County area high schools.

- Concert: Sunday, May 16, 3:00 PM | Call: 1:00 PM | Rancho Campana High School Performing Arts Center, 4235 Mar Vista Dr., Camarillo
- **Tutti & Dress Rehearsals:** May 10, 11, 12, and 14 | 7:00–9:30 PM | **Venue:** First United Methodist Church (FUMC), Ventura, or TBD
- First United Methodist Church Trotter Hall: 1338 E. Santa Clara St., Ventura

Contact Information

Course website: https://cicachoir.org/csucichorus

Role	Name	Contact
Conductor	KuanFen Liu, Artistic Director	kuanfen.liu@csuci.edu (323) 377-9533
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