Course Description:
Instruction in the fundamentals of instrumental conducting.

Course Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate fundamental techniques of conducting including:
  - the individual student’s ability to confidently conduct an ensemble.
  - baton technique, non-verbal communication skills, interpretive abilities, and intellectual skills needed to conduct an instrumental/choral ensemble.
  - proper beat patterns.
  - preparation and initial beat gestures.
  - the ability to cue effectively
  - conduct fermatas on any beat

- Properly identify the sounding pitch of all commonly used wind, percussion, and string instruments.

- Properly define common musical terms and foreign designations for instruments.

Course Requirements:
1. Conducting Assignments: Throughout the semester, students will be expected to conduct assigned exercises or excerpts in class. Students will be expected to complete a conducting Self-Evaluation Form as well as receive a grade from the professor. Self-evaluation Forms are due no later than the Monday after you have conducted. Late papers will not be accepted and will count as a 0 toward that portion of your final grade.

2. Written Assignments: Written assignments will typically be assigned Wednesdays and are due Mondays at the beginning of class. Assignments pertinent to the lecture material will be assigned throughout the semester. Most assignments will involve developing a thorough understanding of transpositions and clefs. Late assignments will not be accepted.

3. Written Quizzes: Quizzes will typically be given at the beginning of each Monday class. The material for each quiz will typically cover topics assigned over the previous written assignment. Make-ups will not be given for students with an unexcused absence.

Materials: (Required)
- Conducting packet
- One conducting baton (12-15” in length)

Class Times and Locations:
- Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, 10:00-10:50
- All classes will be held in room 170

Attendance:
You are allowed two absences without penalty. Unexcused absences beyond the first two will result in the grade being lowered one letter grade for each unexcused absence. As per university policy, missing four classes results in automatic failure of the course.
Grading:
93.0-100 = A  
90.0-92.9 = A-  
87.0-89.9 = B+  
83.0-86.9 = B  
80.0-82.9 = B-  
77.0-79.9 = C+  
73.0-76.9 = C  
70.0-72.9 = C-  
67.0-69.9 = D+  
63.0-66.9 = D  
60.0-62.9 = D-  
0-59.9 = F

- Written Assignments – 10%
- Written Quizzes – 10%
- Ensemble Preparation – 10%
- Conducting Self-evaluations – 10%
- Conducting Assignments – 20%
- Final Conducting Exam – 20%
- Final Written Conducting Exam – 20%

Final Examinations:
- The final exam will include both a conducting and written portion. The conducting portion will take place in class on **Wednesday, December 1** and **Friday, December 3**. The written final exam time will be during the assigned final exam time (TBD).

Credit Hour Justification
Three semester credit hours, two hours and thirty minutes of class contact/instruction time per week. Students are expected to spend a minimum of six per week outside of class to prepare assigned readings, written assignments, score study assignments, and class preparation.

Withheld Grades
There will be no withheld grades given for this course except at the discretion of the instructor of record only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations.

Masks and Social Distancing
Masks (cloth face coverings) are recommended to be worn over the nose and mouth at all times in this class and appropriate physical distancing should be observed.