

**Academy of Our Lady of Mercy
Lauralton Hall**

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Course Descriptions 2012-2013**

(324) Freshman Choir

Year

.5 Credit

Open to freshmen.

In this class students work toward team-building, sharing responsibility, and respect for others. They learn and improve proper vocal production, range, breath support, music reading skills, and listening skills. Appreciation for various styles of choral music is stressed. There are two major performances per year. The purchase of a choir dress and folder is required.

(325) Concert Choir

Year

.5 Credit

Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

In this class students work toward team-building, sharing responsibility, and respect for others. They improve vocal production, range, breath support, music reading skills, and listening skills. Expanded appreciation for various styles of choral music is stressed. There are two major performances per year. The purchase of a choir dress and folder is required for those who were not members of freshman choir.

(329) Advanced Vocal Ensemble

Year

.5 Credit

Open to members of Concert Choir by audition.

This is a chamber choir whose members serve as musical ambassadors to Lauralton Hall and the community. Emphasis is on proper vocal production, intonation, musicality, solo and choral repertoire, and music reading. Students work toward team-building, sharing responsibility, and respecting others. There are many opportunities for performances throughout the year. The purchase of a choir dress and folder is required.

(331) Fundamentals of Music Theory Honors – UConn ECE

Year

1 Credit

(Prerequisite: A grade of 75 or higher in all previous math classes.) Open to juniors and seniors.

This class offers an introduction to the basic concepts of music theory. Scales, chords, intervals and meter are studied. Students work toward gaining a fuller understanding of the basic concepts of how music is written and put together. This class requires the same thought process as many math classes and does require memorization. Students may elect to take this course for UConn credit.

(3301) Music Theory Advanced Placement

Year

1 Credit

(Prerequisite: Music 3311 or by Entrance Exam. A grade of 75 or higher in all previous math and music theory classes.) Open to juniors and seniors.

This class is an advanced music theory course designed to prepare students for the AP Music Theory exam. Students are required to learn written, aural and keyboard skills. Although no prior keyboard experience is required, there is extensive keyboard work in the class. Students must take the Advanced Placement Music Theory examination in the spring.

(3332) Instrumental Ensemble

Year

.5 Credit

Open to students in all grades.

This class is designed for the student with previous playing experience. Students work together to learn how to perform as a group. There are two major concerts per year.