

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

**MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Course Descriptions 2008-2009**

- (324) Freshman Choir** **Year .5 Credit**
Open to freshmen. May be taken for non-academic credit.
Meets every other day. The students will work towards team-building, sharing responsibility, and respect for others. They will 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 are required.
- (3342) Music History/Appreciation** **Year .5 Credit**
Open to freshmen and sophomores. May be taken for non-academic credit.
This class meets every other day. This course will cover the history and development of music from about 1450 AD to the present. Major style periods, composers and compositions will be studied.
- (3352) Music History/Appreciation** **Semester .5 Credit**
Open to juniors and seniors. May be taken for non-academic credit.
This course will cover the history and development of music from about 1450 AD to the present. Major style periods, composers and compositions will be studied.
- (325) Concert Choir** **Year .5 Credit**
Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. May be taken for non-academic credit.
Meets every other day. The students will work towards team-building, sharing responsibility, and respect for others. They will 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 are 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. May be taken for non-academic credit.
Meets every other day. This is a Chamber Choir that serves 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 will work towards team-building, sharing responsibility, and respecting others. There are many opportunities for performances throughout the year. The purchase of a choir dress and folder are required.
- (3312) Introduction to Music Theory I** **Semester .5 Credit**
(Prerequisite: A grade of 75 or higher in all previous math classes.) Open to juniors and seniors.
This course offers an introduction to the basic concepts of music theory. Scales, chords, intervals and meter will be studied. Students will 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.
- (3322) Introduction to Music Theory II** **Semester .5 Credit**
(Prerequisite: Music 3312 and a grade of 75 or higher in all previous math classes.) Open to juniors and seniors.
This course continues study of the basic concepts of music theory. Scales, chords, intervals and meter will be studied. Students will 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.

(3301) Music Theory AP

Year

1 Credit

(Prerequisite: Music 3312 or by Entrance Exam. A grade of 75 or higher in all previous math and music theory classes.) Open to juniors and seniors.

This course is an advanced music theory course designed to prepare students for the AP Music Theory Exam. Students will be required to learn written, aural and keyboard skills. Although no prior keyboard experience is required, there is extensive keyboard work in the class. The AP Music Theory Exam is required.

(3332) Instrumental Ensemble

Year

.5 Credit

Open to students in all grades.

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

(3362) Introduction to Theatre

Semester

.5 Credit

Open to juniors and seniors.

This course will introduce students to all aspects of theatrical performance. Staging, character development and performance techniques will be included, as well as some historical background of the development of theatre. A final performance will be required.

(3432) Non-traditional Percussion Ensemble

Semester

.5 Credit

Open to juniors and seniors.

This course is designed for students with or without previous music experience. Students will learn to read, write and play rhythmic notations. Students will write their own percussion pieces to be performed at the end of the semester. Students will experiment with various non-traditional percussion instruments, eventually choosing ones that best suit the pieces they have written for performance.