

OLLI CHORUS (CP235) FALL 2024

The Chorus of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will rehearse weekly for one and a half hours on Thursday afternoons (12:45 pm – 2:15 pm) in Arsht Hall on the Wilmington campus. Participants of varying levels of interest and talent are encouraged to develop their own musical ability in order to perform a variety of music by the end of the semester.

Performing, creating and responding to music are the fundamental music processes in which humans engage. Through singing and movement, participants acquire musical skills and knowledge that can be developed in no other way. Music provides an outlet for creativity, self-expression, and connection with others. Music exalts the human spirit; it enhances the quality of life.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Participants will learn to be confident in their singing voice, and be able to demonstrate proper vocal techniques.
- Participants reinforce their ability to read music, including note reading, rhythms, key and time signatures, etc.
- Participants will be exposed to choral elements, such as ensemble singing, blend, and vocal techniques.
- Participants will sing and perform a variety of music in both formal and informal situations, both rehearsals and performance.
- Participants will grow a love and appreciation for music and its influence in society.

COURSE CONTENT

- Vocal health and technique for the aging singer
- Music theory – rhythms, note reading, key signatures, scales, vocabulary, etc.
- Sight singing
- Music History
- Cooperative, ensemble learning
- Performance etiquette

COURSE PROJECT

- A live or recorded concert performance at the end of the semester •

One or two run out concerts, if protocols and venues allow