

# Welcome to Gonzaga University Choirs!

## *How do I sing in a GU Choir?*

The four choral ensembles at Gonzaga University are **open to all students**, regardless of major. In addition to music majors and minors, we welcome and depend on undergraduate and graduate students from all programs of study to create a diverse choral community. Gonzaga's choirs pride themselves in achieving musical excellence in a positive and supportive setting. Singers with all levels of experience—from beginner to advanced—are welcome, and the choral placement process aims to match you with the best ensemble. Whether this is your first time singing in a choir or you have extensive choral experience, ***there is a place for you!***

### ***Choral Ensembles***

Gonzaga's choirs are offered for credit through the Music Department. You will automatically be registered for the correct ensemble after the placement process, though you may also register in advance.

#### **Gonzaga University Concert Choir (SATB)**

- MW(F), 4:10-5:10 p.m. & TR 4:40-5:40pm

#### **Gonzaga University Glee Club (Tenor & Bass)**

- Meets MWF, 4:10-5:00 p.m.

#### **Gonzaga University Chamber Chorus (SATB)**

- Meets Tues. & Thurs., 5:15-6:15 p.m.

#### **Gonzaga University Discantus Treble Choir (SA)**

- Meets MWF, 3:10-4:00 p.m.

### ***Choir Picnic Welcome – Monday, August 26, 12:15pm, Music Mansion Lawn***

Join new and returning members for a picnic on the lawn of the Music Mansion! Meet the conductor and student leaders, learn about the choirs, and sign up for your placement time.

### ***Choral Placement – for all students interested in singing in Gonzaga Choirs***

Choral Placement—***not an audition***—is an opportunity for you and the conductor to musically get to know each other. This process helps identify your voice part/range for the ensemble that best matches you. You may choose to 1) bring a prepared song or 2) sing a familiar piece like “Amazing Grace,” “My Country ‘Tis of Thee,” or “Happy Birthday.” If you bring a prepared song, choose a piece that demonstrates your best musicianship (for music majors/minors, art songs or arias are recommended; bring 1 copy of music for pianist). In addition, we will explore your vocal range through brief exercises.

### ***Signing Up for a Placement Time***

When you arrive on campus, sign up for an audition time at the **Music Mansion** (Monaghan Mansion), and pick up a yellow **Choral Info Card** to bring with you to your appointment. Placement takes place during the beginning of the first week of classes, so sign up early!

If you have any questions, contact the Director of Choirs and Vocal Studies, Dr. Timothy Westerhaus at [westerhaus@gonzaga.edu](mailto:westerhaus@gonzaga.edu) or 509-313-6737.

***We look forward to welcoming you into Gonzaga University Choirs!***