

Course Syllabus

Course Information:

MUSIC THEORY I (MUSI 3328-001)

TTh 11:30-12:45

Classroom: AH1 Choral Room (1.106)

Instructor: Michael McVay

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Course Pre-requisites:

Knowledge of music fundamentals

Course Description:

Students will acquire basic writing skills in music. Work includes written assignments in harmony and composition, analysis of representative works from the literature, keyboard harmony, ear-training, and sight-singing. Students must have prior knowledge of music fundamentals and keyboard familiarity.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes:

Students will read, hear, sing, and play music with an understanding of harmonic and melodic functions and relationships.

Required Textbook:

Music in Theory and Practice, Vol. 1, 8th Edition (plus workbook) – Benward and Saker

Suggested Course Materials:

Music staff paper, pencils with erasers, access to a piano

Assignments/Grading Policy:

Written assignments and quizzes:	30%
Midterm Exam:	30%
Final Exam:	40%

Weekly quizzes may or may not be announced beforehand. Singing quizzes will occur nearly every week. Keyboard harmony quizzes will be assigned approximately two or three weeks beforehand.

Midterm and Final Exams are in four equal parts: theory, sight-singing, ear-training, and keyboard harmony. It is necessary to allow two class days for the four parts of the exam. The singing and keyboard harmony exams will be administered privately; each student will sign up for his or her exam time.

Academic Calendar:

March 5, 7: Midterms
March 10-16: Spring Break
May 6: Reading Day
May 7, 11:00 AM – 1:45 PM: Final Exam

Jan. 30: Last day to drop a class without a “W”
Jan. 31-April 1: Signatures required to drop a class
Feb. 26: WL withdraw period begins
April 1: Last day to withdraw from a course with WL

Course and Instructor Policies:

Students are allowed *four absences*. I will deduct five percentage points from your final grade for each subsequent absence. No “extra credit” work for five or more absences will be accepted.

Assignments are due at the beginning of the next class, or by the given due date. You will receive no grade or a lowered grade for late assignments. I will not grade missed quizzes, except for excused absences (school-sponsored activities.) Illness is **not** an excused absence, so allow for sick days!

If you have a conflict on Midterm and Final Exam days, you must let me know in advance so I can schedule a make-up date for you. Students who miss any part of the Midterm or Final Exam without a pre-determined make-up date will receive “zero percent” on all missed exam sections.

Students who work on materials or assignments from other classes or activities during theory class will be marked absent.

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