Introduction to Reductive Analysis: From the Classical Canon to Jazz and Popular Music

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Prerequisites. Grade of C or better in MUS_TH 6629: Analytical Techniques (or equivalent at another institution).

Course Description. A seminar course focused on understanding Schenkerian and post-Schenkerian analytical techniques. We will examine Heinrich Schenker's original approach, Felix Salzer's application of it to the complete canon of Western art music, as well as contemporary applications to popular music and jazz. Readings will focus on how graphic analysis illuminates the structural differences between various repertories, with rhythmic and metric issues figuring prominently in our discussion. May be taken before or after a standard introductory course in Schenkerian Analysis.

Required Materials. None. Readings will be distributed in-class or made available online.

Final Paper. The final project for this course will be chosen by the student, in consultation with the instructor. The final paper is due **Tuesday**, **December 10 at noon**, at my office or in my mailbox. There is no final exam for this class.

Grading. Your final grade will be comprised of the following components:

- 50% Final Paper
- 25% Presentations
- 25% Preparation / Participation

Attendance Policy. Attendance in this class is critical, particularly as we only meet once a week—please make every effort to be in class. If you must miss a class, let me know in advance. Any unexcused absences beyond one will result in a 5% reduction in your final grade for the course. The student is responsible for all material missed during an absence.

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