

Individual Composition Study
MUC 3231, 6930, MUC 7931, MUS 7979, MUS 7980

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Course Description: Individual instruction in the craft and art of contemporary music composition through guided exercises, score study, discussions, and composition projects.

Course Requirements: Students will complete all assigned readings, analyses, and compositions on time, and attend every weekly scheduled meeting with the instructor. Students will compose a minimum of eight minutes of music per semester, and make every effort to have their compositions performed in public. A listening journal of no less than 32 pieces, including suggestions and assignments from the instructor, will be presented at the end of the semester. Students will present a portfolio of their work for the full composition faculty at composition juries on December 13th. All students studying composition are required to attend the weekly composition forum, Mondays at 4:05pm, MUB144.

Materials: manuscript paper, computer with notation software and sound editing software if applicable

Attendance: Regular attendance is required. Missing more than two lessons will result in the lowering of the grade by one full letter. Students are asked to contact the instructor with no less than 24 hours notice of any anticipated absence in order to reschedule. Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog: (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>).

Schedule of Topics and Activities: (tentative and subject to change)

Topics covered will include, but are not limited to:

- Generating composition material
- Strategies and techniques for developing, extending, and manipulating material
- Working within compositional constraints and limitations
- Creating variety and contrast
- Manipulating non-pitched parameters
- Employment of compositional processes
- Contemporary notation

Grading: Based on a weekly evaluation of your efforts. The composition jury grade will be included as 25% of your total grade for the course.

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

- <http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>
- <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), [or http://www.police.ufl.edu/](http://www.police.ufl.edu/).

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus:

https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.