

**MUT 1111**  
**Music Theory 1**

Class meetings: M/W 8:30am – 9:20am  
Room MUB 144

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## Syllabus

### Course Description

First course in a sequence of courses that develop skills and understanding of written music theory. Skills covered will include writing and identifying scales, keys, chord progressions, basic form and analysis, as well as species counterpoint. The course will conclude with learning the rules and procedures for writing proper four voice chorales.

### Prerequisites

MUT 1001 (Intro to Music Theory Rudiments) or Music Theory Placement Exam

### Textbooks

- Benward, Bruce and Marilyn Saker. *Music In Theory and Practice*, Volume I, 9th Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2015.
- Benward, Bruce and Marilyn Saker. *Workbook for Music In Theory and Practice*, Volume I, 9th Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2015. (Students do not need to purchase)

### Other Materials

Staff paper  
Pencil

### Objectives

- To gain a better understanding of concepts in music theory
- Explore more detailed aspects of music and learn how they are created
- To continue to prepare students for future theory courses

### Grading

Midterm = 15%

Final = 20%

Assignments = 50%

Quizzes/Attendance = 15%

### Exams

A written midterm exam will be given halfway through the semester on all concepts covered in the first half of the semester. Types of questions and format will be discussed in the weeks prior to the exam. The final exam will take place on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. This exam will cover material from the entire semester.

### Assignments

Assignments will be given out each week (a minimum of 1 per week) covering the material discussed in class and the readings. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the specified due date. Late work will be accepted at a 10% penalty per each class it is turned in late. After 5 classes (or 3 weeks), a late assignment will no longer be accepted. This late work policy does not apply to excused absences.

### Quizzes

Quizzes will be given periodically during the first 5 minutes of class to make sure students are keeping up with assigned readings. They may be announced or unannounced. Formats of quizzes will vary based on content.

### Attendance

Each unexcused absence will deduct 10% of attendance grade (1% of final grade). Acceptable reasons for absence (excused absences) include illness, serious family emergencies, severe weather conditions, religious holidays, and participation in official university activities. Other reasons may also apply. If you know you are going to miss a class, please let the professor know in advance so necessary arrangements can be made.

### Grading Scale

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.67

### Academic honesty

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 (<http://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.

### Resources

#### Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto: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/Default.aspx>, 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, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu)

#### Academic

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <http://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. <http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

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

Student Complaints Campus: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)

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

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

In response to COVID-19, the following practices are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available at no cost and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit this link for details on where to get your shot, including options that do not require an appointment: <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org/vaccinations/vaccine-availability/>. Students who receive the first dose of the vaccine somewhere off-campus and/or outside of Gainesville can still receive their second dose on campus.
- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated. Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.
- Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located in every classroom.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu) <<mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu>>) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus. UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website <<https://click.info.gator360.ufl.edu/?qs=8f0d5e01a3f7385148f144e2089093522a358a8d85cb9db73c31675d3c5e5c0d27748d40c212f544822551342f1912ea5b4f2b890d5952e8>> for more information.
- Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work.
- If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- Continue to regularly visit [coronavirus.UFHealth.org](https://coronavirus.UFHealth.org) <<https://coronavirus.UFHealth.org/>> and [coronavirus.ufl.edu](https://coronavirus.ufl.edu) <<https://coronavirus.ufl.edu/>> for up-to-date information about COVID-19 and vaccination.

Course Schedule

This schedule is at the discretion of the professor and may be modified at any time. Should any changes be made, the professor will notify the students within a reasonable amount of time.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Content to be covered</b>	<b>Items of importance</b>
Week 1	W. 1/5	Introductions, Syllabus, Chapter 1	Add/Drop
Week 2	M. 1/10	Chapter 2: Scales, Tonality, Keys, Modes	
	W. 1/12	Chapter 2: Scales, Tonality, Keys, Modes	
Week 3	M. 1/17	MLK Day	NO CLASS
	W. 1/19	Chapter 2 if needed, Chapter 3: Intervals	
Week 4	M. 1/24	Chapter 3: Intervals	
	W. 1/26	Chapter 3: Transposition	
Week 5	M. 1/31	Chapter 4: Chords	
	W 2/2	Chapter 5: Cadences	
Week 6	M. 2/7	Chapter 5: Nonharmonic tones	
	W. 2/9	Chapter 6: Melodic Organization	
Week 7	M. 2/14	Chapter 6: Melodic Organization	
	W. 2/16	Space for extra review and practice	
Week 8	M. 2/21	Review for Mid Term	
	W. 2/26	Review for Mid Term	<b>Mid Term Exam</b>
Week 9	M. 2/28	Chapter 7: Texture / Textural Reduction	
	W. 3/2	Chapter 7: Texture / Textural Reduction	
Week 10	M. 3/14	Chapter 8: Species Counterpoint (1st)	
	W. 3/16	Chapter 8: Species Counterpoint (2nd)	
Week 11	M. 3/21	Chapter 8: Species Counterpoint (3rd)	
	W. 3/23	Chapter 8: Species Counterpoint (4th)	
Week 12	M. 3/28	Chapter 8: Species Counterpoint (5 <sup>th</sup> )	
	W. 3/30	Space for extra review and practice	
Week 13	M. 4/4	Chapter 9: Four Part Chorale Writing	
	W. 4/6	Chapter 9: Four Part Chorale Writing	
Week 14	M. 4/11	Chapter 9: Four Part Chorale Writing	
	W. 4/13	Chapter 9: Four Part Chorale Writing	
Week 15	M. 4/18	Space for extra review and practice	
	W. 4/20	Review for Final	
Finals Week	W. 4/27	Final Exam	<b>Final Exam</b>