

Course Requirements for Music Theory I – MUSC 1603

MWF 1-1:50pm – C117C

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Course Description

Part writing of figured bass exercises and melody harmonizations using triads. Composing on a small scale will be introduced. MUSC 1601 (Sight-Singing & Ear Training I) should be taken concurrently.

Required Materials

- Burstein, L. & Strauss, J. (2020). *Concise Introduction to Tonal Harmony*. (2nd ed.). New York, NY: W. W. Norton & Company.
- Burstein, L. & Strauss, J. (2020). *Workbook for Concise Introduction to Tonal Harmony*. (2nd ed.). New York, NY: W. W. Norton & Company.
- Music manuscript paper
- Sharpened pencils and eraser
- Optional: Notation software, such as Finale, for completing homework

*You must purchase the new, (second edition) textbook/workbook bundle, available at the bookstore. It will provide you with an individual access code for a variety of online resources that will be used this year. The bundle should last you for all four semesters of music theory.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify, label, and notate pitches, scales, keys, intervals, and chords
- Identify, label, and notate rhythms, meters, and time signatures
- Respond to small-scale composition prompts regarding voice leading and harmonic progression
- Analyze the elements of music listed above.

Grading

Know It! Show It! Inquizitive Activies	10%
Homework	40%
Exam One	15%
Exam Two	15%
Final Exam	20%

Note: no extra credit is available

A	–	100-90
B	–	89-80

C	–	79-70
D	–	69-60
F	–	59-0

Course Schedule (Full Schedule Available on D2L)

Monday, September 7th – No Class – Labor Day

Monday, September 14th – Exam One – Chapters 0-2 (Online, due by 11:59pm)

*We will not meet this day – use the time to study and/or complete your exam

Friday, October 23rd – Exam Two – Chapters 3-7 (Online, due by 11:59pm)

*We will not meet this day – use the time to study and/or complete your exam

Monday, November 23rd – Last Class Day in Person

Monday, December 7th – Final Exam – Chapters 9-13 (Online, due by 11:59pm)

Note: exam material subject to change with notice

Academic Dishonesty

The student is responsible for understanding what constitutes academic dishonesty, including but not limited to plagiarism, giving or receiving unauthorized assistance, or submitting for credit work done by another person. The instructor will apply the appropriate disciplinary action at his discretion, which may include receiving a zero on the assignment, being dropped from the course with an F, and/or recommending further sanctions. Familiarize yourself with the Student Honor Creed adopted by the MSU Student Government, which opens with the following statement: “As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else to do so.”

Attendance

All absences are unexcused, excluding official NCAA events, prior approval of the provost, and exceptional circumstances. The instructor will only consider exceptional circumstances with documentation from the Student Rights & Responsibilities office.

Each student may accumulate three unexcused absences without penalty. For each absence after the third, the student’s final grade will decrease by one full letter (for example, a student who otherwise would earn a B but missed four classes will receive a C). Two instances of arriving late or leaving early will constitute one absence. Missing more than 20 minutes of one class meeting will count as one absence.

The student bears the responsibility for consulting with colleagues to receive copies of materials and information covered during an absence. Late work will only be accepted, and exams will only be rescheduled, in cases of excused absences as defined above.

Conduct

The instructor expects students to behave professionally and to devote class time to class work. Instances of disruption and inattention may result in a reduction of the in-class work component of the student’s grade or being asked to leave. Removal from the classroom will count as an unexcused absence.

Cell Phones and Other Recording Devices

The use of cell phones and other recording or electronic devices is strictly prohibited during class. I may direct, from time to time, on the possible use of cell phones for legitimate class reasons. Recording the class is prohibited, unless it is part of a reasonable accommodation under ADA or the student obtains the instructor's written consent.

Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil protections for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment which provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. In accordance with state and federal law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities.

If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center (940.397.4140). The instructor is under no obligation to offer accommodations for students with disabilities who are not registered with DSS.

Privacy

Federal privacy law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases, I will not discuss your academic progress or other matters with your parents. Please do not have them call me. Regardless of these important legal considerations, it is my general policy to communicate with the students, not their parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

Social Justice

Social justice is one of MSU's stated core values, and our classroom is a place where students will be treated with respect as human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Moreover, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided the students can agree to disagree. The instructor expects that all students be able to consider the classroom a safe environment.

Managing Stress

Students may experience challenging situations that could interfere with learning and interpersonal functioning including stress, anxiety, depression, alcohol and/or other drug use, concern for a friend or family member, loss, sleep difficulties, feeling hopeless, or relationship problems. MSU provides the following resources to students, and you don't have to wait until your situation is a crisis before accessing them:

- MSU Counselling Center (940.397.4618)
- Vinson Health Center (940.397.4231)
- Redwine Student Wellness Center (940.397.4206)

Further, additional resources may be available through MSU to address concerns of difficulty affording adequate food or housing and similar issues. I may be able to connect you to such resources, and anything along those lines that you choose to share with me will remain fully confidential.

In case of an emergency, contact the MSU Police Department (940.397.4239) or dial 911. If you or someone you know faces a sexual assault or domestic violence situation, call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (1.800.621.8504) for guidance or information.

Campus Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <https://msutexas.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

COVID-19 Information

Course Delivery: This course has been planned as a fully face - to - face course for Fall 2020. The class will meet in its regularly scheduled room but will utilize social distancing and an assigned seating chart. When the university transitions to fully online after Thanksgiving we will review during the last week of class and hold our finals virtually.

I will use D2L for posting syllabi, course communication, course schedule, attendance, and gradebook. There will be online office hours announced through D2L. You should regularly check D2L and the email hosted via D2L for important course information.

In the event of increased incidence and risk of COVID - 19 that results in the university moving back to a shelter - in - place mode, the course instruction will transition to fully online. More instructions will be given at that time.

Attendance: There will be a seating chart to facilitate attendance. Zoom allows for the professor to see who attended each remote lecture and for what period(s) of time. PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS IF YOU ARE SICK. Should you have need to remain at home on a day you are scheduled for in-person instruction, please inform the professor as soon as possible (preferably before class) and attend through D2L. Please refer to the "Attendance" policy for this class, previously stated in this syllabus; see also "Emergency Situations" below and pp. 56 and 59-61 of the [MSU Texas Return to Campus Task Force Report](#). In-person and online attendance are weighted equally.

Cleaning Protocols: Before class, the professor will have cleaned the door handles, light switches, and have sprayed all desks and chairs with disinfectant. It is each student's responsibility to take a paper towel and wipe their desk and chair. At the end of class, the professor will once again spray the desks and chairs with disinfectant and students will wipe their seats and desks with the provided paper towel.

Face Coverings: As stated in the [MSU Texas Facial Covering Requirement](#), students are required to wear protective face coverings in classrooms as well as on their way to and from. Please wear a clean mask you have procured yourself and keep it on through the entire class when attending in person. Please see Disability Support Services should you believe you have an exemption to this policy and p. 62 of the [MSU Texas Return to Campus Task Force Report](#).

Grading: The professor is mindful that this is not a normal semester. Please contact the professor at your earliest convenience should circumstances arise which prevent your timely attendance in the class and/or completion of its requirements so that your grade does not suffer.

Emergency Situations: Should you need an accommodation to limit or eliminate your physical class attendance, please work through Disability Support Services for approval. If you experience a situation during the semester that affects your ability to attend class, including illness of a family member, a vulnerable family member, or issues with child care due to school closures, the professor will work with you towards understanding and completion of material missed in class. Please refer to pp. 57-58 of the [MSU Texas Return to Campus Task Force Report](#).

Resources: [MSU Texas Return to Campus Task Force Report](#)
[MSU Texas Facial Covering Requirement](#)

The instructor reserves the right to change any part of this syllabus for any reason. The student will receive sufficient notice of any changes. By remaining enrolled in this course, the student indicates acceptance and understanding of the course policies.

Zoom Meeting Information:

sarah.dunbar@msutexas.edu is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MUSC-1603-101 Theory I Fall Semester 2020

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msutexas-edu.zoom.us/j/92358039755?pwd=VFprdXA4YWtyM0lXY0pURjJEWVhhdz09>

Meeting ID: 923 5803 9755

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