



Analysis of Musical Form
Fain College of Fine Arts, C117C
MUSC 3632 101
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Course Description

Analysis of musical structure including simple binary and ternary forms, the rondo and sonata-allegro forms, and contrapuntal applications.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Santa, Matthew. *Hearing Form: Musical Analysis With and Without the Score*, textbook and anthology pack. New York: Routledge and Son, 2016.

Required and Recommended Readings

All students will be required to read the pertinent chapters from the required textbook in alignment with the class topic schedule (below). In addition, many musical examples will be required and may be obtained from the anthology, libraries (MSU Texas or other), public domain websites, etc. Other readings may be needed to supplement the class materials.

Student will need to find recordings and videos to supplement readings and lectures as well as to complete assignments, projects, class work, etc. These can be accessed using library resources or other websites. For example:

Score resources are available on IMSLP (www.imslp.org)
Recordings are available through NAXOS MSU Texas Library
YouTube® links
MSU Texas library scores, databases, recordings, and interlibrary loan

Course Evaluation

Grading Scale: Total points for final grade.

Grade	
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	Less than 60

Class Participation and Attendance – 15%

Discussion of reading assignments will be done in preparation for analysis assignments, exams, and quizzes. Attendance in class is required.

Homework Assignments – 25%

There will be periodic assignments related to course content. This may include homework assignments from the textbook, assignments designed by the instructor, short composition projects, or other at the discretion of the instructor.

Quizzes – 20%

Quizzes will not be made up unless the student presents an official university approved excuse. Quizzes may be given in class or within D2L. Students are expected to listen in class and check D2L periodically for the scheduling of quizzes.

Exams – 20%

Two exams (mid-term and final) will be given at appropriate times during the semester. At least one week's notice will be given for the mid-term exam. Missing the mid-term exam is strongly discouraged and will not be made up unless the student presents an official university approved excuse. The final exam will be conducted as outlined in the Final Exam Schedule for Fall 2021, which states that the final for this class will occur on Monday, Dec. 6, 10:30a – 12:30p in C117C or on D2L.

Analysis Project Assignments – 20%

Analysis project(s) will be announced by the instructor throughout the semester. Specific instructions and guidelines for project(s) will be provided and will constitute an official addendum to this syllabus.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should first discuss the issue(s) with the instructor. If the issue(s) are not resolved, consult the Midwestern State University [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

Cell phone, laptop, and tablet usage

Cellular phone usage will not be permitted during class time. Cellular phones should be kept silent and out of view. Failure to comply with this will result in a grade reduction or an "F" for the course. The use of any recording devices or recording media during the class and lectures is strictly prohibited. Laptop computers, tablets, iPads, or any other electronic devices are also not permitted except when the instructor asks that they are to be used or when class is conducted virtually. Students found in violation of these rules will be sanctioned at the discretion of the instructor.

Conversely, you are expected to have access to a computer outside of class for any and all D2L components of this course, and in the event of quarantining.

Late Work

Any assignments or exams submitted after the due date and time will receive the following reductions in grade: up to 24 hours = 10% off; 2 days = 15%; 4 days = 20%; 6 days = 25%. After one week the assignment receives a grade of zero.

Make Up Work/Tests

See above; exams will receive half credit unless the need to make up the exam is because of a university approved excuse.

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance and Class Behavior

Attendance is an important aspect of this class. Understanding the concepts requires practice and participation in all class activities. Irregular attendance will result in the loss of work, missed tests, missed quizzes, etc. Attendance will count as part of the final grade as outlined in the grading section. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class.

Unexcused (or unauthorized) absences will have consequences:

Up to three unexcused absences will be tolerated. Each additional unexcused absence will lower the final grade by 5%. Students with more than 6 unexcused absences will be subject to administrative withdrawal (instructor drop) from the course at the discretion of the instructor, and may receive a grade of F.

Students with unexcused absences will continue to be responsible for all class work, homework, assignments, projects, quizzes, or exams administered or assigned during their absence.

Excused (or authorized) absences include:

Absences where a student is participating in a university-sponsored activity (authorized excuse). In these cases, the absence and the appropriate approval have to be reported to the instructor **prior** to the absence date.

Absences for academically-related activities are not automatically included in this category (class field trips for other classes, attendance at conferences, etc.) and will require prior instructor approval to be excused.

Absences due to **confinement** to the university, home, or other health facility when written evidence is provided, or absences incurred due to illness or medical conditions, documented by a doctor's excuse.

State law allows student absences for the observance of religious Holy Days, if desired; however, a student must notify the instructor by the 15th day after the first day of classes if an excuse under this category will occur.

A large number of excused absences could impose academic pressure and increased demands on the completion of course work, and may jeopardize the student's ability to obtain a passing grade. Students with large numbers of excused absences throughout the semester are encouraged to explore their options with the instructor.

Classroom behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor's removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and receive a final lower grade, down to and including F.

COVID-19 Concerns

Scientific data show that being fully vaccinated is the most effective way to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 and has the greatest probability of avoiding serious illness if infected in all age groups. Although MSU Texas is not mandating vaccinations in compliance with Governor Abbott's executive orders, we highly encourage eligible members of our community to get full vaccination. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccine, please contact your primary care physician or health care professional. Given the recent rise in cases, individuals are also strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings when indoors among groups of people, regardless of vaccination status. Although MSU Texas is not requiring facial coverings, they have been an effective strategy in slowing the spread.

Student Privacy Statement

Federal law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to parties outside the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases the instructor will not discuss a student's academic progress or other matters with parents without the proper release from the student.

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Student Handbook

Refer to: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf>

Academic Dishonesty and Student Honor Creed

The university policy and procedures for academic dishonesty are outlined in the current Student Handbook (link above). Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given) will not be tolerated in this class. Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)
Enrollment in this class constitutes an acceptance to adhere to the Student Honor Creed and all other student conduct policies outlined in the university Student Handbook.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Topic Schedule

Week	Topic
1-2	Introduction, Cadences and Phrases
3-4	Phrase Organization
5	One-Part and Through Composed Forms
6-7	Binary and Ternary Forms
8-9	Sonata Forms
10-11	Concerto Forms
12	Rondo Forms
13	Variation Forms
14	Imitative Forms
15	Review and Completion of Projects