



Southern Methodist University

Meadows School of the Arts, Division of Music

MUTH 1129 (003), Musicianship I, Fall 2025

Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 – 8:50 a.m., OFAC 2030

Grading Options: Letter (+/-) only; Pass/Fail is not available for this course

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I. RATIONALE

This course is designed to develop basic musicianship skills, including the ability to hear and sing music notation and to notate heard music. These skills will be developed in terms of pitch, rhythm, and harmony via sight singing and dictation. Improving these fundamental skills will increase the likelihood of student success throughout the music curriculum and in later professional life.

II. COURSE AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Define theoretical terms related to aural skills as discussed in class (solfege, etc.)
- Classify heard musical elements theoretically (e.g. major scale vs. minor, etc.)
- Modify a given element intelligently, e.g. hearing a major triad and singing a minor one
- Analyze a piece's rhythm and pitch content to convert it to notation (dictation)
- Perform a short piece at sight using solfege syllables
- Evaluate the dictations of others according to the style and terminology covered in class

These learning outcomes are based on Bloom's Taxonomy: Knowledge (define, repeat), Comprehension (classify, convert), Application (demonstrate, modify, arrange), Analysis (infer, estimate), Synthesis (create, design), Evaluation (critique, justify, discriminate).

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Beginning studies in solfeggio, melodic and harmonic dictation. Must be taken in sequence.
- Corequisite: MUTH 1229. Required of all majors. **You should also be enrolled in MUTH 1229 at this time. See me if you are not.**
- This course will focus on dictation and sight-singing using diatonic melodies derived from the tonic and dominant in major and minor keys. Rhythms will utilize beat units and beat divisions in both simple and compound meters, with an introduction to triplets.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS, EXPECTATIONS, AND POLICIES AND POLICIES

Attendance and Participation Policy

- Prompt attendance is vital. Absences and tardiness may affect your grade.
Attendance will be taken at each class meeting.
Being late for class will result in a lower grade for "participation."
For an absence to be excused you must notify the instructor in writing prior to the date of the excused absence.

Oversleeping, family reunion trips, vacations, etc. will not be considered as excused absences.

- Make-up work:

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Late homework must be turned in **within one calendar week** of the absence. Otherwise, a zero will be recorded in the gradebook.

- Absences on exam days:

Missing an exam is a serious issue. Exams missed due to *planned, excused* absences (including extracurricular activities and religious observance) must be made-up **before** the exam date.

Other *excused* absences on test days will be considered on a case by case basis. Late exams must be taken **within one calendar week** of the absence. **In all cases, exams that are not taken will result in a zero (0) for that exam grade.**

Regarding the final examination: The final examination day and time are established by the university and cannot be changed. Please plan accordingly. **Make-ups will not be offered after the final exam date. In all cases, a missed final exam will result in a zero (0) being recorded for the final exam.**

Missing exams or quizzes will result in a lower grade for "participation."

Course Materials

Robert W. Ottman, *Music for Sight Singing* (10th edition)

Activities, Assignments, and Grading Policy

Grading Policy

You will be graded on a one-thousand-point scale based upon the following aspects of your work in this class:

Dictation Quizzes (10 x 30)	300 points
Sight Singing Exam #1	50 points
Sight Singing Exam #2	100 points
Sight Singing Exam #3	50 points
Final Exam (Sight Singing)	100 points
Keyboard Exam #1	50 points
Keyboard Exam #2	100 points
Keyboard Exam #3	50 points
Final Exam (Keyboard)	100 points
Attendance and Participation	100 points
Total	1,000 points

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V. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, EVENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Major Course Assignments and Examinations:

Exam #1- September 15, 17, and 19

Exam #2- October 13, 15, and 17

Exam #3- November 10, 12, and 14

Final Exam- Tuesday, December 16, 8:00 am

Calendar of Classes, Sessions, Activities, Readings, Examinations & Assignments:

COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Date	Topic	Evaluation
1	8-25 8-29	Scale Identification	Quiz #1
2	9-5	Interval Identification	Quiz #2
3	9-8 9-12	Root-Position Triads	Quiz #3

4	9-15 9-17 9-19	Sight Singing: Scales, Intervals, and Triads Keyboard: Play Any Written Pitch; Major and Minor Scales	Exam #1
5	9-22 9-26	Melodic Dictation (Major and Minor Scales)	Quiz #4
6	9-29 10-3	Melodic Dictation (Leaps within the Tonic Triad)	Quiz #5
7	10-6 10-10	Melodic Dictation (Leaps within the Tonic and Dominant Triads)	Quiz #6
8	10-13 10-15 10-17	Sight Singing: Speaking and Conducting Rhythms; Singing Melodies (Leaps within the Tonic and Dominant Triads) Keyboard: Intervals; Root-Position Triads	Exam #2
9	10-24	Harmonic Dictation (Tonic and Dominant)	Quiz #7
10	10-27 10-31	Harmonic Dictation (Tonic and Dominant Inversions)	Quiz #8
11	11-3 11-7	Harmonic Dictation (Tonic, Dominant, and Subdominant)	Quiz #9
12	11-10 11-12 11-14	Sight Singing: Arpeggios (Tonic, Dominant, and Subdominant Triads) Keyboard: Melodic Transposition and Melodic Harmonization	Exam #3
13	11-17 11-21	Identification of Cadences	Quiz #10
14	11-24	Sight Singing: Ensemble Texture Keyboard: Piano-to-Piano Dictation	N/A
15	12-1 12-5	Sight Singing: Improvised Melodies Keyboard: Play-and-Sing	N/A
16	12-8	Keyboard: Hymns (Hands Played Separately)	N/A
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MUTH 2229 (002), Music Theory III, Fall 2025

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:50 a.m., OFAC 2040

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I. RATIONALE

This course is designed to develop competency in music theory, including terms, symbols, practices, and conventions of Western music. The conceptual focus of the course is on harmonic theory (especially chromatic harmony) normative to the late Baroque Period, the Classical Period, and the Nineteenth Century. This study is required to facilitate performance as well as theoretical understanding and provide practical application of such knowledge to the scholarship, performance, and pedagogy of music.

II. COURSE AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Define theoretical terms related to chromatic music as discussed in class
- Classify elements and structures in a given piece of music using appropriate terminology
- Modify a given element intelligently, e.g. changing a Fr+6 to a Ger+6.
- Analyze a piece of music globally on a level appropriate to the student's theoretical expertise
- Create a short musical example demonstrating an understanding of theoretical concepts covered in this class
- Evaluate the music of others according to the style and terminology covered in class

These learning outcomes are based on Bloom's Taxonomy: Knowledge (define, repeat), Comprehension (classify, convert), Application (demonstrate, modify, arrange), Analysis (infer, estimate), Synthesis (create, design), Evaluation (critique, justify, discriminate).

Specifically, this course fulfills the departmentally-determined outcomes listed below:

1. Identify and notate standard chromatic chord types such as borrowed, secondary function, Neapolitan, and augmented-sixth chords.
2. Demonstrate the use of chromatic chords in harmonic progressions using correct voice leading.
3. Analyze music containing chromatic chords and modulatory techniques.
4. Identify and notate standard forms of ninth, eleventh, and thirteenth chords.
5. Use extended tertian chords in harmonic progressions demonstrating correct voice leading.
6. define and identify compound ternary, rondo, and sonata forms.

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Continuation of Theory I and II covering the Romantic repertoire. Emphasis on traditional harmonization exercises, beginning studies in musical form, and an introduction to species counterpoint. MUTH 2229 is the third semester of a four-semester theory sequence for music majors and minors.

- This semester will cover core chromatic harmonies and select topics in musical form. Topics of emphasis will include binary and ternary forms, rondo and sonata forms, as well as analysis and part writing of secondary dominants, secondary leading-tone chords, modulations, modal mixture, the Neapolitan, augmented sixth chords, enharmonic spellings/enharmonic modulations, Vsub6, V+, and the common tone diminished seventh chord.
- First-year music theory knowledge (staves, clefs, note reading, scales, key signatures, intervals, chords, part writing, etc.) is assumed. N.B. this class is not a repeat of the first year.
- Prerequisites: MUTH 1229, 1230, 1129, 1130.
- Corequisite: MUTH 2129. Required of all majors. **You should also be enrolled in MUTH 2129 at this time. See me if you are not.**
- The scheduled class meeting time will be used for group instruction, tests, quizzes, make-up tests or quizzes, individual or group review sessions, individual meetings, and other instructional or evaluative activities as determined by the instructor.

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Course Materials

Kostka-Payne, *Tonal Harmony* (9th edition)

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Exam #1- September 18
Exam #2- October 16
Exam #3- November 13
Final Project Due- Friday, December 12, 8:00 am

Calendar of Classes, Sessions, Activities, Readings, Examinations & Assignments:

COURSE CALENDAR

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment
1	8-26 8-28	Mode Mixture and the Neapolitan	N/A
2	9-2 9-4	Augmented Sixth Chords	Assignment #1 Quiz #1
3	9-9 9-11	Enharmonic Spellings and Enharmonic Modulations	Assignment #2 Quiz #2
4	9-16 9-18	Enharmonic Spellings and Enharmonic Modulations	Exam #1 (9-18)
5	9-23 9-25	Extended Tertian Sonorities	Assignment #3 Quiz #3
6	9-30 10-2	Secondary Functions	Assignment #4 Quiz #4
7	10-7 10-9	Mediant Functions	Assignment #5 Quiz #5
8	10-14 10-16	Sequences and Systems	Exam #2: (10-16)
9	10-23	Periodic Forms	Assignment #6 Quiz #6
10	10-28 10-30	Binary and Ternary forms	Assignment #7 Quiz #7
11	11-4 11-6	Sonata Form	Assignment #8 Quiz #8
12	11-11 11-13	Variation Forms	Exam #3 (11-13)
13	11-18 11-20	Rondo Form Review of Chromatic Functions	N/A
14	N/A	Contrapuntal Forms Review of Chromatic Part-Writing	N/A
15	12-2 12-4	Individual Review of Final Projects	N/A
16	12-9	Contrapuntal Forms	N/A

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MUTH 3350 (001), Form and Analysis, Fall 2025

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II. COURSE AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Define terms related to formal analysis as discussed in class
- Classify elements and structures in a given piece of music using appropriate terminology
- Modify a performance based on an understanding of formal analysis
- Analyze the form of a piece of music
- Create a descriptive diagram demonstrating an understanding of formal analytical concepts
- Evaluate the analysis of others according to the style and terminology covered in class

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III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Study of musical form through examples from pretonal and tonal literature.
- Prerequisites: MUTH 2130 and 2230.
- Theoretical Knowledge Base: intervals, scales, keys, chords, cadences, augmented-sixth chords, secondary functions, modulation, contrapuntal voice leading. **N.B. This class is not a review of second year theory.**
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Exam #2- October 17

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Topic: Motive, Phrase, and Periodic Structure

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Phrase” (music)

Music for Analysis: Chorale Handout

Week 2 (9-3, 9-5)

Topic: Binary Forms

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Binary Form”

Music for Analysis: Minuets Handout

Assignment #1: Binary Form Analysis

Quiz #1: Binary Form Analysis

Week 3 (9-8, 9-10, 9-12)

Topic: Ternary Forms

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Ternary Form”

Music for Analysis: Brahms- *Three Intermezzi*, Op. 117;

Handel- “The Trumpet Shall Sound”

Assignment #2: Formal Analysis of Handel’s “Where’er You Walk”

Quiz #2: Formal Analysis of Handel’s “Let the Bright Seraphim”

Week 4 (9-15, 9-17, 9-19)

Topic: Compound Forms

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Ternary Form”

Music for Analysis: Haydn Symphony No. 88, Third Movement;

Mozart Symphony No. 40, Third Movement

Exam #1: Formal Analysis of Mozart’s *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, Third Movement

Week 5 (9-22, 9-24, 9-26)

Topic: Sonata Form

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Sonata Form”

Music for Analysis: Sonatina Handout; Sonata Handout

Assignment #3: Formal Analysis of Clementi’s Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36, No.3, First Movement

Quiz #3: Formal Analysis of Mozart’s Piano Sonata, K, 333, First Movement

Week 6 (9-29, 10-1, 10-3)

Topic: Complex Sonata Forms

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Piano Sonata No. 8 (Beethoven)”

Wikipedia Article “Piano Sonata No. 21 (Beethoven)”

Music for Analysis: Beethoven- *Sonata Pathétique*, First Movement

Beethoven- Waldstein Sonata, First Movement

Assignment #4: Formal Analysis of Beethoven’s Piano Sonata Op. 2, No.1, First Movement

Quiz #4: Formal Analysis of Beethoven’s Piano Sonata Op. 49, No.1, First Movement

Week 7 (10-6, 10-8, 10-10)

Topic: Sonata Form (Analytical Perspectives)

Reading: Hepokoski, James. “Beyond the Sonata Principle.” *Journal of the American Musicological Society* 55 (2002): 91-154.

Music for Analysis: Haydn Symphony No. 88, First Movement;
Assignment #5: Formal Analysis of Mozart Symphony No. 41, First Movement
Quiz #5: Formal Analysis of Mozart Symphony No. 40, First Movement

Week 8 (10-13, 10-15, 10-17)

Topic: Sonata Theory (Hepokoski & Darcy)

Reading: Hepokoski, James. "Back and Forth from *Egmont*: Beethoven, Mozart and the Nonresolving Recapitulation." *19th-Century Music* 25 (2002): 127-54.

Music for Analysis: Beethoven Symphony No. 3, First Movement;
Beethoven Symphony No. 5, First Movement;

Exam #2: Formal Analysis of Beethoven Symphony No. 1, First Movement;

Week 9 (10-22, 10-24)

Topic: Double Exposition Form

Reading: Wikipedia Article "Sonata Theory"

Music for Analysis: Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23, First Movement;
Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, First Movement

Assignment #6: Mid-Term Writing Project- Outline and Bibliography

Quiz #6: Formal Analysis of Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1, First Movement

Week 10 (10-27, 10-29, 10-31)

Topic: Variation Form and Double Variation Form

Reading: Sisman, Elaine R. "Tradition and Transformation in the Alternating Variations of Haydn and Beethoven." *Acta Musicologica* 62 (1990): 152-82.

Music for Analysis: Beethoven Symphony No. 5, Second Movement

Guest Lecturer: Pamela Pagels, Music Librarian (10-23, 10-27)

Assignment #7: Mid-Term Writing Project- Abstract and Thesis Statement

Quiz #7: Formal Analysis of Beethoven Symphony No. 9, Third Movement

Week 11 (11-3, 11-5, 11-7)

Topic: Rondo and Sonata Rondo

Reading: Wikipedia Article "Rondo"

Music for Analysis: Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23, Third Movement

Assignment #8: Mid-Term Writing Project- Draft Introduction

Quiz #8: Formal Analysis of Haydn Trumpet Concerto, Third Movement

Week 12 (11-10, 11-12, 11-14)

Topic: Complex Forms

Reading: Kinderman, William. "Beethoven's Last Quartets." In *The String Quartets of Beethoven*, ed. William Kinderman. University of Illinois Press, 2006.

Music for Analysis: Beethoven String Quartet Op. 127, First Movement;
Beethoven String Quartet Op. 127, Second Movement

Individual Review of Mid-Term Projects (11-10, 11-12, 11-14)

Mid-Term Writing Project (due: 11-17)

Week 13 (11-17, 11-19, 11-21)

Topic: Contrapuntal Forms, Ritornello Form, and Rotational Forms

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Ritornello”

Music for Analysis: Haydn Trumpet Concerto; First Movement;

Vivaldi- Spring from the Four Seasons, First Movement

Bach- Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, First Movement

Week 14 (11-24)

Topic: Canon and Fugue

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Fugue”

Music for Analysis: Canon Handout; Fugue Handout

Week 15 (12-1, 12-3, 12-5)

Individual Review of Final Writing Project (12-1, 12-3, 12-5)

Week 16 (12-8)

Topic: Song Form

Reading: Wikipedia Article “Thirty-Two Bar Form”

Wikipedia Article “Verse-Chorus Form”

Music For Analysis: Song-Form Handout

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MUTH 1301 (001), Music Fundamentals, Fall 2025

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Grading Options: Letter (+/-) only; Pass/Fail is not available for this course

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Office location: OFAC 2008

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Please contact me immediately with any concerns, circumstances, or issues that may impede your success.*

I. RATIONALE

MUTH 1301 Fundamentals of Music Theory is a course for non-music majors that allows students to study the basic principles of Western Art music, also known as music of the “common-practice”. Learning the fundamental elements of music notation and practice not only allows one to understand and appreciate music of many styles, but also provides the rudimentary background needed to notate musical ideas, share these ideas with others, and read and perform music. Although this course focuses primarily upon traditional classical music, the principles and notation skills are applicable to a wide variety of styles, and all traditional, Western musical instruments

II. COURSE AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, each student should be able to:

- Identify the aural differences between various musical parameters, such as pitch, rhythm, meter, and timbre.
- Read, write, and aurally perform basic rhythmic notation.
- Read, write, and sing basic music notation of pitch in treble and bass clefs.
- Identify and write major and minor key signatures.
- Identify, write, and sing major and minor scales and identify the five basic modes.
- Identify, write, and sing general and specific intervals.
- Identify and write tonal triadic and seventh-chord harmony, using Roman numeral symbols, Jazz/Pop chord symbols, and notated pitches in traditional music notation.
- Identify and write triads and seventh chords in inversion using correct notation.
- Apply basic musical analysis to identify and evaluate the use of pitch, rhythm, and harmony in tonal music.
- Integrate this knowledge into the creation of short musical compositions.

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The general objective of the course is to present and apply the basic components of written Western music and to develop basic music reading and writing skills.

- Theoretical Knowledge Base: intervals, scales, keys, chords, notation of pitch, notation of rhythm, and elementary aspects of standard harmonic and formal analysis.
- The scheduled class meeting time will be used for group instruction, tests, quizzes, make-up tests or quizzes, individual or group review sessions, individual meetings, and other instructional or evaluative activities as determined by the instructor.

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS, EXPECTATIONS, AND POLICIES AND POLICIES**Attendance and Participation Policy****Make-up work:**

It is the student's responsibility to obtain handouts, notes, and assignments for all classes missed. Consult the course emails or the Canvas page for more information.

Late homework must be turned in **within one calendar week** of the absence. Otherwise, a zero will be recorded in the gradebook.

Missing exams, assignments, or quizzes will result in a lower grade for "participation."

Course Materials

Robert J. Frank, *Fundamentals for the Aspiring Musician*

Activities, Assignments, and Grading Policy Activities, Assignments, and Grading Policy:**Grading Policy**

You will be graded on a one-thousand-point scale based upon the following aspects of your work in this class:

Assignments (8 x 25)	200 points
Quizzes (8 x 25)	200 points
Exam #1	100 points
Exam #2	100 points
Mid-Term Project	100 points
Final Project	200 points
Attendance and Participation	100 points
Total	1,000 points

Eight weekly quizzes will be given in class during the semester. "Make-up" quizzes will not be scheduled later than one week after the original date of the quiz. Homework assignments will not be accepted more than one week after the original due date.

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Range	92-100	90-91.9	88-89.9	82-87.9	80-81.9	78-79.9	72-77.9	70-71.9	68-69.9	62-67.9	60-61.9	0-59.9
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COVID-19 and Other Medical-Related Absences: Students who test positive for COVID-19 and need to isolate, or who are notified of potential exposure, must follow [SMU's Contact Tracing Protocol](#). To ensure academic continuity and avoid any course penalties, students should follow the same procedures described by their instructors as they would for any other medical-related absence in order to be provided with appropriate modifications to assignments, deadlines, and exams.

Excused Absences for University Extracurricular Activities: Students participating in an officially sanctioned, scheduled university extracurricular activity should be given the opportunity to make up class assignments or other graded assignments that were missed as a result of their participation. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements for make-up work with the instructor prior to any missed scheduled examinations or other missed assignments. (See [2020-2021 SMU Undergraduate Catalog](#) under "Enrollment and Academic Records/Excused Absences.")

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1	8-25 8-27 8-29	Basic Elements	N/A

2	9-3 9-5	Pitch	Assignment #1 Quiz #1
3	9-8 9-10 9-12	Rhythm: Simple Meter	Assignment #2 Quiz #2
4	9-15 9-17 9-19	Rhythm: Compound Meter	Exam #1 (9-19)
5	9-22 9-24 9-26	Major Scales and Major Key Signatures	Assignment #3 Quiz #3
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7	10-6 10-8 10-10	Intervals	Assignment #5 Quiz #5
8	10-13 10-15 10-17	Compound Intervals	Exam #2 (10-17)
9	10-22 10-24	Triadic Harmony	Assignment #6 Quiz #6
10	10-27 10-29 10-31	Harmonic Analysis	Assignment #7 Quiz #7
11	11-3 11-5 11-7	Pentatonic and Blues Scales	Assignment #8 Quiz #8
12	11-10 11-12 11-14	Functional Harmony	Mid-Term Project (Due: 11-14)
13	11-17 11-19 11-21	Triads in Musical Context	N/A
14	11-24	Chord Progressions	N/A
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