



GLB/Music and Movement for Children I

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COURSE SYLLABUS: SPRING 2022

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Course Information

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Bacon, Denise. 185 Unison Pentatonic Exercises. West Music. <https://www.westmusic.com/185-unison-pentatonic-exercises-802297>
- Burakoff, Gerald & Hettrick, William E. (1980) *The Sweet Pipes Recorder Book*. (Book One, Soprano) Sweet Pipes, Inc. <http://www.sweetpipes.com/>
- Meek, Darla. (2016.) *Journey Around the Globe with Recorder!* Sweet Pipes, Inc. <http://www.sweetpipes.com/>

ADDITIONAL TEXTS FOR GRADUATE CREDIT

- Steen, Arvida. (1992) *Exploring Orff: A Teacher's Guide*. Schott Music Corp. (ISBN 0930448766) (available online or through West Music)
- Houlahan, Michael and Tacka, Philip. (2008). *Kodály Today: A Cognitive Approach to Elementary Music Education*, SECOND EDITION. Oxford University Press (UPC Code 9780190235772)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Yamaha ivory plastic soprano recorder with Baroque fingering
NOTE: You must purchase this particular recorder. Take care not to purchase a recorder with German fingering.
- A = 440 tuning fork OR equivalent tuning device
- Materials for creating visuals and manipulatives
- To be successful in this course you will need to have access to a computer, internet, email, and notation software (such as Finale or Sibelius).

CERTIFYTEACHER

Prospective student teachers are required to pass the Music Content Test before beginning the residency semester.

Certify Teacher is an online service that provides substantive test material preparation for our undergraduate and graduate students. Candidates must complete the PPR and Music practice tests in CertifyTeacher with 80% accuracy in **every domain** to be approved to take the actual tests.

All students in undergraduate elementary methods courses are required to purchase an account to prepare for the Music Content Test. The cost to access each exam is \$35 which provides access for three years.

Steps to purchase:

- Go to <http://www.certifyteacher.com>
- Select the **Interactive Practice Test** you wish to purchase – make sure to select the online version option. Access is granted until you receive a passing grade from the state or three years, whichever comes first.
- Click Login under the Apply Promo Code option in the My Shopping Cart page.
- Click Sign In under “I Don’t Have an Account Yet” to create your account – make sure to use your university e-mail address when creating the account – the promo code will not work for any other e-mail.
- Enter the Promo Code TEXES4728 when prompted. The price will drop to the **discount price** after that.
- Select Accept in the Six Clock-Hours Requirement window for your promo code to be validated.

- Complete the purchase transaction by providing your credit card information. You will be able to access your online readiness review solution seconds after the purchase transaction is complete.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

All students enrolled in elementary methods courses must be active members of TMEA (\$25) and NAFME/TMEC (\$32). Membership forms may be accessed online here:

- <https://www.tmea.org/membership/>
- <https://nafme.org/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to bridge theory with practicality through studying the theoretical basis of different teaching approaches, observing demonstrations, actively participating in lessons, and then creating and teaching lessons for use in an elementary classroom setting.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the course, the students will be able to:

- articulate the differences and similarities between the major approaches to music education, including Orff Schulwerk, the Kodály Method, Music Learning Theory, and Dalcroze Eurhythmics.
- demonstrate skills in singing, sight-singing, playing instruments, creative movement, and dancing.
- successfully engage children in Kindergarten through third grade in playing instruments, listening, chanting, singing, moving, and reading notation.
- apply an understanding of individual differences among children, including Emergent Bilingual Learners, and be able to create music lessons that cater to these differences.
- view themselves as engaged citizens within an interconnected and diverse world through experiences with music and dance from a variety of cultures.
- create original lessons for grades K-3.
- describe how general music contributes to a school's educational program and construct and present lessons that integrate music with other disciplines.
- evaluate student achievement through the use of appropriate tests and performance measures.
- teach elementary music to children with disabilities using appropriate methods and materials.
- create visual aids for use in teaching music and movement concepts to elementary children, including aids created through the use of technology.
- implement procedures for classroom management.

ADDITIONAL COURSE OUTCOMES FOR GRADUATE CREDIT

A student taking this course for graduate credit must demonstrate the above competencies to a higher level of aptitude. Additionally, a graduate student will be able to:

- sing American folk songs with up to three chords while accompanying on the guitar.
- play Appalachian folk songs on a dulcimer while reading notation.

- sing Polynesian folk songs with up to three chords while accompanying on the ukulele.
- demonstrate competency with the soprano and alto recorders. Students are expected to practice daily and meet with instructor weekly for assessments.
- demonstrate the ability to arrange poetry and folk material for children's voices and Orff instruments.
- develop and teach engaging lessons using a variety of media.

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

This course has been accepted as a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Global Course. The overarching objective of the QEP is ***Preparing Students for an Interconnected World*** by increasing students' knowledge of global dynamics, their ability to apply that knowledge, as well as their understanding of their role as engaged citizens within an interconnected and diverse world.

Students will be required to upload a graded artifact to their ePortfolios: a lesson plan for teaching an authentic folk song from a specific culture, including strategies for teaching English Language Learners (aka Emergent Bilingual Students or Dual Language Learners).

For more information, visit here:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/institutionalEffectiveness/qualityEnhancementPlan/default.aspx>

MINIMAL TECHNICAL SKILLS NEEDED

- D2L Brightspace
- Microsoft Word
- PowerPoint

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

This course will be blended. Students will be expected to come to the classroom twice each week for face-to-face instruction and complete weekly assignments and readings/discussions in D2L. We will follow all university protocols with regard to masks, social distancing, and sterilization.

Course Structure

In D2L, you will find that this course has been organized into fifteen (15) weeks. Each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m., a new module will open in D2L. You will find a reading/discussion prompt and an assignment. Some of the assignments and readings have multiple parts. I have also included the PowerPoint lecture/demonstration for each week so that you can review them as needed.

You have from Wednesday through the following Tuesday to complete your tasks for the week. **The work load for this course is intense.** Get into the habit of beginning your tasks on Wednesday so that you can pace yourself.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	TOPICS	ASSIGNMENT	READING/DISCUSSION
1	Jan 12-18	Syllabus and Class Overview; Welcome Songs; Name Games; Singing with Children	Sing and record a patriotic song; complete self-critique Bring membership proof for NAFME and TMEA	<i>Providing a Rich Music Learning Experience</i>
2	Jan 19-25	Giving Cues; Using Pitch Levels; Choosing Repertoire; Teaching Global Songs	Complete a lesson plan for your assigned global song. Begin CertifyTeacher	<i>World Music Pedagogy</i> (Roberts and Beegle), Chapter 6
3	Jan 26-Feb 1	Dalcroze Eurhythmics	List lesson steps from FEIR videos	"Discovering Music Through Dalcroze Eurhythmics" by Anne Farber and Lisa Parker
4	Feb 2-8	Kodály Concept; How to Write a Lesson Plan	Create a PowerPoint (or use another appropriate technology option) for your assigned global song.	<i>Kodály Today</i> : Chapter 1: "Building the Framework of a Music Curriculum Based on the Kodály Concept"
5	Feb 9-15 TMEA	Music Learning Theory	Detail lesson steps for video series.	"Untying Gordian Knots" by Edwin Gordon
6	Feb 16-22	Orff Schulwerk PIANO ASSESSMENT	Teach your assigned global song Complete CertifyTeacher	"Orff Schulwerk: An Integrated Foundation" by Mary Shamrock
7	Feb 23- Mar 1	Blending the Approaches; Sequencing Music Concepts; How to Create a Warm-up	Construct a two-minute Move-It for an elementary music classroom.	"What Is Developmentally Appropriate Practice?" pages 1-10.
8	Mar 2-8	Steady Beat; Vocal Exploration; CONTRASTS: high/middle/low extremes, moving upward/downward QUIZ: THE FOUR APPROACHES	Lesson Observation 1	"Games: A Child's Curriculum" by Doug Goodkin from <i>Play, Sing, and Dance</i>
9	Mar 9-22 Incl SPRING BREAK	CONTRASTS: Fast/slow Loud/quiet Long/short Strong/weak Smooth/jerky	Create a lesson for your assigned contrast. Type a lesson plan. Teach your lesson.	Best Practices Fireside Chat
10	Mar 23-29	Quarter Note and Rest;	Learn an assigned song. Teach your assigned song to	Universal Design for Learning (Boler)

		Eighth Notes; Half Note How to craft a Weekly Class Outline (WCO)	a partner. Lead your partner through the process of deriving the rhythm using the process provided.	Social/Emotional Learning
11	Mar 30- Apr 5	Staff and Clefs; Same/step/skip/jump; <i>sol-mi</i> <i>la</i> How to craft a WCO for the sol-mi lesson.	Lesson Observation 2	Teach in public schools and reflect on the experience.
12	Apr 6-12	SIGHT-SINGING AND RECORDER ASSESSMENT 1 Classroom Management	Type a WCO for the <i>do</i> sequence.	New Teachers: Classroom Management Fundamentals/ It's Like Herding Cats!
13	Apr 13-19	Teaching Children with Disabilities	Lesson Observation 3	People First; Special Education Rights and Responsibilities of Teachers UT Butler School of Music, Center for Music Learning: Disabilities Information
14	Apr 20-26	<i>do</i> <i>re</i>	Observe <i>Kodály Today</i> videos: triple meter and type the lesson steps.	Marginalized Voices in Music Education: "Can't I Sing with the Girls?" https://blurringthebinary.com/
15	Apr 27- May 3	Ternary Meter; Anacrusis, Crusis, Metacrusis Assessment: Creating a rubric SIGHT-SINGING AND RECORDER ASSESSMENT 2	Type up a formal lesson plan for the Week 10 assignment song. Create a rubric for the lesson.	"One Thing One Hundred Ways" (Goodkin)

Attendance and Engagement Policy

It is expected that, as future teachers, education students model professional and courteous behavior by attending every class and arriving to class on time. **Unexcused absences are not allowed**, just as they will not be allowed when you are a resident or a teacher in the field.

Excused absences include illness with a doctor's note, jury duty, or the death of an immediate family member. If you must miss class for any reason, such as of sudden illness or car trouble (for commuters only), you are expected to communicate with the instructor via text or email at darla.meek@tamuc.edu before class begins. Absent students will, by default, earn a grade of zero for that day's work until proof of excused absence is provided. Failure to provide a physician's note, jury summons, or other proof confirming the legitimacy of the absence will result in the classification of that absence as unexcused.

Students who are absent are expected to carefully review the lecture PowerPoint in D2L so that they do not fall behind. Due to its performance nature, face-to face class attendance cannot be made up.

The instructor reserves the right to drop any student who misses more than three in-person, face-to-face classes, regardless of the reason. If absences are accumulated after the drop date, the student will receive a failing grade.

Take care to note any required university-sponsored events, tour dates, or other activities that may cause you to miss class and communicate this to the instructor **by September 10**. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis. They are **not** automatically excused. Final classification of absences will at the sole discretion of the instructor. Do not schedule any personal obligations during class time.

Each class period, students are expected to sign in on the attendance sheet. Failing to sign in will result in a grade of zero for that day's work. Tardiness or leaving early will affect the daily classwork grade. Two instances will equal one absence. The instructor reserves the right to lock the classroom door after class has begun. Latecomers will be counted absent.

If a test is missed because of an excused absence (illness with doctor's note, jury summons, or death of an immediate family member), the test must be completed within **two days**. It is the student's responsibility to reschedule a test.

COVID EXEMPTION: If you are ordered to isolate because of a positive COVID test or quarantine because of exposure, you must contact your instructor immediately, provide documentation, and note the exact dates of your absences. It is understood that you will be missing ALL classes during that window of time. Any student who takes advantage of this (for example, by attending some courses but not others) will be considered in violation of the Honor Code and swift consequences will be applied. If you miss class because of COVID isolation or quarantine you are expected to carefully study the PowerPoint lecture/s provided in D2L and write a double-spaced reflection of your learnings, one per day of absence. All assignments and reading/discussions are still expected to be submitted on time.

For more information about the University attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Classroom Expectations

VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

The following expectations are provided should virtual synchronous class meetings be utilized for any reason:

- Students should maintain a professional appearance as would be expected in the classroom.
- Students attending synchronous classes should have their video turned on and be attentive throughout the class. Please position your camera in a well-lit professional environment.

- Virtual attendance will be taken for any class that is met virtually.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES OR TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN THE COURSE

- Consider this course to be a study guide for the Music Content portion of the TExES test.
- Download the materials from D2L and organize them in an orderly fashion.
- Attend every class and perform to the best of your ability.
- Prepare all assignments and readings thoroughly and completely. Plan on spending three hours outside of class time to complete each assignment and one hour per reading/discussion.
- Practice skills (piano, singing, recorder) daily outside of class.
- Refer to MyLeo Online/D2L Brightspace for assignment instructions.
- Contact the instructor with any questions.

All students are expected to follow the Tenets of Common Decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#). The tenets apply to all communication to the instructor and your classmates.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

Demonstrate commitment to your course of study by contributing thoughtfully to class discussions, turning in assignments in a timely manner, being prompt and dependable, supporting your peers and the instructor, and accepting critiques graciously. Be open-minded about other's opinions and thoughts, encouraging them to stretch their boundaries and take risks, and listen attentively to their performances.

Cell phones should be turned off before class begins and concealed from view throughout the duration of the class period. Please take care of any necessities (food, drink, restroom) before coming to class so that we may proceed without interruption. If you need to bring a bottle of water, please take care keep the cap secured. Dispose of all food and chewing gum before class begins. No food, chewing gum, or drinks other than water are allowed in the classroom.

In this course, you will be very active—singing, moving, playing instruments, dancing, improvising, and more. All students are to be actively participating in each lesson just as your students will be when you are teaching in a public or private school. Please wear comfortable but modest clothing in which you can move around easily.

Please be careful with our classroom materials and use them only when instructed.

Be open-minded about other's opinions and thoughts, encouraging them to stretch their boundaries and take risks, and listen attentively to their performances.

Failure to conform to these expectations of behavior will result in a lowered grade. Engagement/Performance grades will be given according to the instructor's discretion:

- An A will be earned by the student who arrives early with all materials, exhibits superior attentiveness, is fully prepared for class, participates with enthusiasm, and is a leader and role model to others.
- A B will be earned by the student who exhibits excellent attentiveness, is prepared for class, participates with enthusiasm, and is a valued asset to others.
- A C will be earned by the student who exhibits average attentiveness, preparation, and class participation.
- A D will be earned by the student who exhibits little attentiveness, preparation, and participation.
- An F will be earned by the student who exhibits no attentiveness, preparation, or participation. This student will be instructed to drop the course.

Notebook Organization

For this course, you will have access a collection of songs and other activities for children. **It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that you organize these resources into a notebook or into a folder on your computer with 38 subfolders.** This will be a valuable resource for you as you begin teaching, one that you will continue through your career. This will also be very helpful as you study for the Music Content Test.

If you choose to do so, purchase a 2"-2.5" three-ring binder and 38 dividers. Label the dividers:

1. Syllabus and Class Agendas
2. Graded Assignments and Tests
3. Reading Reflection/Discussions
4. Approaches to Teaching Music (Kodály, Orff, Dalcroze, MLT)
5. Teaching Children Who Are Differently-Abled
6. Teaching English Language/ Emergent Bilingual Learners
7. Lesson Planning
8. Classroom Management
9. Singing with Children
10. Greeting/Welcome Songs and Canons
11. Name Games for Younger Children
12. Warm-Ups (class set)
13. Vocal Exploration Activities
14. Singing Games & Dances
15. Global Songs
16. Steady Beat
17. High/Low
18. Fast/Slow
19. Long/Short
20. Loud/Quiet
21. Strong/Weak
22. Quarter Note and Quarter Rest
23. Eighth Notes
24. Half Note
25. Ternary Meter

26. Same/Step/Skip/Jump
27. Staff
28. mi-sol
29. mi-sol-la
30. do-mi-sol
31. do-mi-sol-la
32. do-re-mi
33. do-re-mi-sol
34. do-re-mi-sol-la (do pentatonic)
35. Listening Lessons
36. Movement Lessons
37. Workshop Notes
38. Miscellaneous

Weekly Tasks

ASSIGNMENTS

Each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m., a new module will open in D2L. You will have until the following Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. to complete the tasks for the week. All assignments will be uploaded into the appropriate places in D2L.

All assignments and readings must be TYPED. Please use university-level spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Papers should be double-spaced with 1" margins and 12-point type. The heading should be single-spaced and include your name, the date, and the class. Include any citations in APA or Chicago style as endnotes.

Assignments that require music notation must be produced with notation software.

Take care when using Google docs that your method of sharing does not require me to ask for permission to view your document. Click SHARE – GET LINK – ANYONE WITH THE LINK. A grade of zero will be entered as a placeholder if I am unable to view your assignment. I will not contact you about this issue—you are expected to ensure that I can access your work.

READING/DISCUSSIONS

Each week, you will complete a reading reflection and discuss the topic with your peers via D2L. Reading/Discussions should be thoroughly prepared and show evidence of deep thought. Make connections with your own prior knowledge and with the class lectures. You might describe how you have seen the ideas work in your own personal experience or how you foresee the ideas working in your future classroom. Describe any questions you have that arise from this reading.

Please use university-level spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Papers should be at least two pages, double-spaced with 1" margins and 12-point type. The heading should be single-spaced and include your name, the date, and the class. Include any citations in APA or Chicago style as endnotes.

Respond to AT LEAST TWO of your classmates' posts. Avoid simply agreeing with what someone else says. Add something new to the conversation. If you disagree with someone, respectfully provide a different point of view.

Post your initial reflection paper by Sunday each week. This will give everyone time to read and respond to their classmates by Tuesday evening.

LESSON PLAN ASSIGNMENTS

In many cases, homework assignments will consist of creating short lessons, and teaching these lessons in class. You may not teach any lesson I have presented in a class lecture. You will write a lesson plan in the correct format for every lesson you teach.

OBSERVATION ASSIGNMENTS

Over the course of the semester, students are required to observe three area **elementary** music instructors working in their classrooms with children for one hour each. In the event university students are not allowed on elementary campuses due to COVID, I will provide videos for you.

There are two sources for videos...

- The TAMUC Music Education YouTube Channel:
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeO_NArJmV4iqYHH6thIXfrM4_dW8Nz0x
- The *Kodály Today* YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChi80hm_84B6E-WHjEZRF_w?fbclid=IwAR0UA0MgdWX0aEIYU0tLgy-oiPeBo8qTPHBBOGDBNE8lQqxA9HK4AA4Xu3Q

I suggest observing one teacher for the first hour, another teacher for the second hour, and a third teacher for the third hour. Complete one Lesson Observation and Reflection Form provided in D2L for each teacher you observe. (NOTE: Only videos showing a teacher in a classroom with children will be accepted for this assignment.)

NOTE: To earn credit for these assignments, you MUST include the title, YouTube link, and exact length of time for every video used.

Please keep the TAMUC Honor Policy in mind as you complete your paperwork. Your number of minutes must match mine, and your sequence of classroom events must be complete, or your forms will be discarded and you will not be able to use the video library for this requirement. Understand that though you may observe with a friend, **you must complete your own ORIGINAL work on your form.** Any student who abuses this privilege by using another student's work as his/her own will receive a zero for this assignment, may receive an automatic fail for this course, and will be considered for removal from the Undergraduate Field-Based Teacher Certification Program.

It is not appropriate to use one assignment for two courses. In other words, if you are also taking Instruments in Elementary Music (MUS 321), you may NOT view the same three teachers for both classes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Each semester, the TAMU-C Department of Music hosts a workshop for area elementary music teachers on a Saturday morning. **Your attendance is required.** If you have an unavoidable conflict and are unable to attend, an email is required in advance. If this is the case, you will be able to observe the video recording and complete a Workshop Observation and Reflection assignment.
2. You are **required** to attend all Music Education Convocations offered this semester, even if you have completed all your recital responsibilities and/or are not enrolled in a recital course. Write a one-page, double-spaced reflection of your learnings for each convocation and submit these to D2L. If you are not able to attend a convocation, please do not ask me to give you an extra credit assignment.
3. You are **required** to attend and actively participate in one of the several area workshops with **elementary emphasis** for professional educators. The workshop (or combination of workshops) must total at least **three hours** in length. To earn credit, you must upload the following:
 - the workshop handouts
 - a reflection (approximately two pages, double-spaced) of your learnings and how you might be able to use them in the classroom.

SPRING STUDENTS: To use TMEA sessions for this requirement, you must participate in at least **THREE elementary-specific** sessions. I suggest you have your sessions approved before attending. Handouts for each session can be found on the TMEA website. Again, you must write a two-page reflection for each session you attend. Submit this and the session handouts to D2L. Concerts do not count toward this requirement.

Any student engages in academic dishonesty by submitting materials without attending and actively participating in the sessions - or who uses another student's work as their own – will receive swift consequences which may include an automatic fail for this course and recommendation for removal from the Undergraduate Field-Based Teacher Certification Program.

NOTE: As Music Education Coordinator for TAMUC, I will be sending you information about workshops that are available to you about all aspects of music education. However, let me reiterate that the workshops for your Music and Movement classes (and all observations) **MUST be general elementary music classes.**

FINAL PROJECT: ON-SITE TEACHING

You and a partner will teach 45-60 minutes of music instruction to children in a public-school setting. You will develop this lesson, using the lesson plan and PowerPoint templates provided, and using lessons from class as models. Look in the ON-SITE folder of D2L for instructions and materials. Please discuss the lesson with me before teaching it to students.

Your lesson will be video recorded, so that your colleagues can watch your lesson and learn from your experience. **Failure to submit complete and clear video and audio footage will result in a failing grade.**

If, due to the pandemic, we are unable to complete On-Site Teaching Experiences, I will substitute a written final exam.

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADUATE CREDIT

In order to receive graduate credit for this course, the student will complete additional assignments reflecting rigorous study in the Kodály and Orff Schulwerk approaches. These assignments are detailed in the handout titled ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR GRADUATE CREDIT.

The student will also meet with the instructor each week to assess guitar, ukulele, dulcimer, and recorder skills.

Assessments

You will need to have excellent musicianship skills as a music educator. During this course, you will work daily on singing and instrument technique.

1. **PIANO.** You should be able to perform the following:

- Major chords, both hands simultaneously starting on C (C E G) and moving upward chromatically to the next C. Blocked and arpeggiated.
- Minor chords, both hands simultaneously starting on C (C E^b G) and moving upward chromatically to the next C. Blocked and arpeggiated.
- I-IV-I-V⁷-I chord progressions, both hands simultaneously, starting on C (C E G) and moving upward chromatically to the next C.
- Five-note major scales upward and downward, both hands simultaneously moving upward chromatically, starting on C and going up to the next C.

2. **SINGING.** One of the highest priorities of the semester will be developing an excellent singing voice, with good vocal tone, clarity, articulation, and intonation. If singing is not a strength for you, vocal exercises are available so that you can practice daily.

3. **SIGHT-SINGING.** Throughout the semester, you will be evaluated on sight-singing with solfège and the Curwin hand signs.

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la	
sol	
fa	
mi	
re	
do	

Develop the habit of practicing each day for a short period of time. When you perform your sight-singing assessments, the Curwin hand signs must be placed in the correct position in front of the body:

- do': arms above head
- ti: hands at forehead
- la: hands eye level
- sol: hands at chest
- fa: hands at diaphragm
- mi: hands waist level
- re: just below waist
- do: arms at abdomen

How to practice:

- I expect you to progress through the Bacon Pentatonic text book on your own, using the practice guide I will provide every week on the AGENDA.
- The melodies you will encounter in these exercises are bitonic, tritonic, tetratonic, and pentatonic.
- You will need to first find the **tonal center** for each exercise. This may require a different thought process than the one you are used to using.
- A key signature is only ONE indication of the tonal center of a melody. In these exercises, the key signature only indicates which notes, out of all the notes that are included in the melody (the **tone set**), have accidentals.
- Mentally stack the notes of the tone set up from lowest to highest. The pattern should reveal itself.
- Sometimes, the last note is a good indicator of the tonal center, but not always. For example, if your piece only includes *mi*, *sol*, and *la*, you will have to figure out where *do* is.
- For your tests, a passage will be provided for you to sing. You will play the tonal center, outline the chord and sing your starting pitch, then sing the exercise.

4. **RECORDER.** You will learn to play the soprano recorder and to develop lessons for teaching recorder to your students. Your recorder skills will be assessed periodically. Develop the habit of practicing each day for a short period of time using your Sweet Pipes book. I expect you to progress through the book on your own, using the practice guide I will provide every week on the AGENDA.

Academic Honesty

It is expected that you will exhibit ethical behavior concerning your work in this class. Students are expected to do their own work, use their own words in papers, and to reference outside sources appropriately. It is not appropriate to use one assignment for two courses. Failure to uphold the standards of academic honesty may result in an automatic fail for this course and consideration for removal from the Undergraduate Field-Based Teacher Certification Program.

For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

- [Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)
- [Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)
- <http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>
- [Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)
- <http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateschool/faculty/GraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyFormold.pdf>
- <http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Grading System

A weight-based system will be used for this course.

Engagement and Class Performance:	20%
Weekly Assignments:	30%
Weekly Reading Reflection/Discussions:	20%
Assessments (including Piano, Recorder and Sight-Reading):	20%
Final Exam or On-Site Teaching Experience:	10%

90 - 100	= A
80 - 89	= B
70 - 79	= C
60 - 69	= D
0 - 59	= F

Technology Requirements

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements:

- LMS Requirements:
<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>
- LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

- YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:
<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

OTHER RESOURCES

Quicktime (www.apple.com), RealPlayer (www.real.com), and Windows MediaPlayer 11.0 (www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download) will enable you to view videos.

University and Department Information

UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Texas A&M University-Commerce nurtures and educates for success through access to academic, research, and service programs of high quality.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Music Department of Texas A&M University-Commerce promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

STUDENTS REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Velma K. Waters Library- Room 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

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NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained. Please let me know what pronouns you would prefer I use for you in class and in conversation.

MUSICIAN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Valuable information and resources are provided on the Music Education website to assist the musician in the prevention of injury and to provide a resource for discovering information about injury assessment and injury recovery.

For more information, go here:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/colleges/humanitiesSocialSciencesArts/departments/music/musicianHealthSafety.aspx>

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145.

For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

SYLLABUS CHANGE POLICY

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance and posted on D2L.

NOTICE!

- Students are encouraged to seek out the instructor for assignment clarification and/or personal assistance.
- Keep in mind that your aptitude in this course may determine if you are approved for student teaching. Because student teachers are representatives of this university, we will only allow those with excellent teaching skills, musicianship, high standards, and a strong work ethic to move forward. This could determine your graduation date.

