



MUS 1311-01E
MUS 1311-02E
Music Theory I

Course Syllabus: Fall 2024

Instructor Information

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I will reply to myLEO emails within a 24-48 hour period of time during M-F. If I receive an email on Friday, I will reply on or before the next class day. I will give notice of days that I'll be out-of-the-office or unable to hold class to students' myLEO emails. It is a student's responsibility to monitor myLEO emails for class-related announcements and personal feedback. D2L will reflect communications from class/emails.

Course Curriculum

Required Materials: **The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis (4th Edition) Clendinning/Marvin.** (Textbook, Workbook & Digital Bundle)

-Online access to InQuizitive.

-Digital Resources and access code (found in your book bundle).

-D2L www.myleonline.tamuc.edu

*Login using your same login as your email

-Staff Paper, Ruler, & Pencils

Student support links for your textbook in D2L:

How to Register for InQuizitive	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFNI_ZWfh04
InQuizitive Tech Support for students	https://www.wwnorton.com/tech-support

Course Description

Theory I is the first in a four-semester sequence which examines the notational, harmonic, and compositional practices of the Western art-music tradition. This course focuses on the development of analytical and compositional skills, with particular emphasis on the music of the Common Practice Era (CPE).

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to accomplish the following in each category.

Melody:

- Identify all melodic interval types.
- Identify and utilize essential principles of note – to – note counterpoint and contrapuntal embellishments.

Harmony:

- Construct and identify Major and minor chords.
- Construct and identify all seventh chord types.
- Demonstrate, through composition and analysis, an understanding of all Major and minor chord types.
- Demonstrate, through composition and analysis, an understanding of all musical key areas.

Rhythm:

- Demonstrate, through composition and analysis, an understanding of rhythmic notation and of all common simple and compound meters.

Composition:

- Compose original works in a chorale style, and simple keyboard style.

Course Requirements

There will be frequent homework assignments utilizing both analytical and compositional skills. All work should be done in pencil. Homework is to be turned in by the day/deadline which it is due as stated in D2L. **Late assignments will not be accepted.**

To turn in assignments using D2L, go to course shell -> Activities tab -> Assignments -> upload homework document. (Make sure that work is uploaded in ONE pdf legible copy and includes all pages/the entire assignment.)

Often it may be helpful for students to work on homework assignments with a colleague, or in groups. When done correctly, this can serve as a proven method for success for students who may be struggling with a particular concept in class. *However, take care that the completed assignment reflects your own understanding of the material, and is not merely a copy of a classmate or colleague's work.* Doing so will help to ensure that your work efforts in the class are both fruitful (reflecting the very purpose of homework) and intellectually honest.

Class participation/interaction will be prevalent this term via classwork discussions and examples taken from resources relevant to chapter topics for concept mastery purposes. Roll call will take place at the beginning of each class meeting.

You are encouraged to utilize the **Counterpoint Café** program for tutoring and study halls at any time throughout the semester and may be prompted to do so.

At minimum, **three** examinations will be given during the semester. Specific information as to exam content will be provided at least a week before the exam is administered. In addition, there will be frequent quizzes of varying scope and length, both announced *and unannounced*.

If time permits, in addition to Homework and Exams, there will be a **Final Project** of which the student will compose a short work in strict counterpoint. Specific details as to timing and content will be provided during the semester and could possibly be performed in class.

Note

The study of music theory is an essential and important component of the developing musician's education. Far from being just another "required course", music theory forms the foundation of nearly all higher-ed courses in music, which is a reason for its placement at the very start of undergraduate music studies. Theory is also a subject where the concepts are presented sequentially, each leading to the next. As such, it is imperative that the student be proactive. If they are having issues with a particular topic. Do not wait in frustration; ask a question in class, seek your instructor out via email or by appointment.

Grading

A final grade will be calculated using the following scale:

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| • Attendance and Participation | 10% of final grade |
| • InQuizitives | 10% of final grade |
| • Quizzes and Discussions | 10% of final grade |
| • Homework | 30% of final grade |
| • Exams | 30% of final grade |
| • Final Project | 10% of final grade |

Grading Scale

A = 90 to 100% / B = 80 to 89% / C = 70 to 79% / D = 60 to 69% / F = 59 and below

The following statements are required by either University policy, state, or federal law:

Course and University Procedures / Policies

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.

Attendance Policy

Regular and prompt attendance and active engagement in the class is expected. The student's attendance grade is calculated by the number of times present divided by the total number of class meetings. Students who are present but do not engage in the discussion may not receive attendance at the discretion of the instructor.

Illness Policy

A&M-Commerce recommends the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.

Late Assignments or Work

Late papers, assignments, and exams are not accepted *unless prior arrangements have been made*. A student who is absent on the day of a quiz or exam will receive a "0" for that quiz/exam *unless prior arrangements have been made* (in the case of university-sponsored absences in accordance with campus policy).

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures: [Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

Use of Computers and Cell Phones

As a courtesy to the instructor and the other students, please silence all cellphones before class. Computers and other devices may be used for taking notes or accessing course materials. Other uses of technology during class (texting, emailing, social media, etc...) is not permitted. At the discretion of the instructor, you will be asked to put your technology away, and after repeated offenses, may be asked to leave.

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

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 reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 903-886-5150, 903-886—5835; email studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu; online at Office of Student Disability Resources and Services; or in-person in Room 162 of the Velma K. Waters Library.

Tenets of Common Behavior

All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current Student Guidebook).

Mental Health Policy

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

Campus Concealed Carry - 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:

<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.

TENTATIVE THEORY I COURSE SCHEDULE

**The Syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. **

Week I (Aug. 26 -30)	Course and D2L introduction Solfege, scale degree numbers and melodic contour	Chapter 1
Week II Chapter 2 (No class on Sept. 2, Labor Day) (Attend class Sept. 3 -6))	Simple Meters	
Week III (Sept. 9-13)	Compound Meters	Chapter 4
Week IV (Sept. 16-20)	Pitch Collections, Scales and Major Keys	Chapter 3
Week V (Sept. 23-27)	Minor Keys and Diatonic Modes Exam 1	Chapter 5
Week VI (Sept. 20-Oct. 4)	Minor Keys and Diatonic Modes Cont...	Chapter 5
Week VII (Oct. 7-11)	Intervals	Chapter 6
Week VIII Chapter 6 (Oct. 14-18)	Intervals cont... Exam 2	
Week IX (Oct. 21-25)	Triads	Chapter 7
Week X Chapter 7 (Oct. 28-Nov. 1)	Triads Cont...	
Week XI (Nov. 4-8)	Seventh Chords	Chapter 8
Week XII (Nov. 11-15)	Seventh Chords Cont...	Chapter 8
Week XIII	Note-to-Note Counterpoint	Chapter 9

(Nov. 18-22)

Week XIV

Embellishing Two-Part Texture

Chapter 10

(Nov. 25-26)

Final Project Due

Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 27-29)

Week XV

Embellishing Two-Part Texture Cont...

Chapter 10

(Dec. 2-6)

Final Review

Week XVI

FINALS WEEK (Final Exam TBA)

(Dec. 9-13)