Music Studies (MUS)

MUS 3EX Experimental Course 1-6
This number reserved for experimental courses. Refer to the Course Schedule for current offerings.

MUS 6EX Experimental Course 1-6
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MUS 100 Fundamentals of Music 2
Fundamentals of Western music theory, staves, clefs, rhythm, meter, key signatures, scales, and intervals.
Notes: For non-music majors and music majors and minors who did not pass the fundamentals exam.

MUS 101 Music Theory I 3
Basic elements of the Western musical language. Rhythm and meter, counterpoint, figured bass, triads and seventh chords; introduction to part writing and harmonic progression.
Prerequisites: Passing score on the music fundamentals exam or successful completion of MUS 100. Music major or minor.

MUS 102 Music Theory II 3
Continued study of diatonic harmony; introduction to form, including motive, phrase, sentence, and period.
Prerequisites: MUS 101 and MUS 105. or permission of theory coordinator; Music major or minor.

MUS 105 Ear-Training I 1
Music reading and dictation. Performance, aural recognition, and notation of melody, triads, and two-voice counterpoint.
Prerequisites: Admission as a music major or minor. Passing score on the music fundamentals exam or successful completion of MUS 100, if that course is required.

MUS 106 Ear-Training II 1
Continuation of music reading and dictation. Performance, aural recognition, and notation of melody, rhythm, harmony, and two-voice counterpoint.
Prerequisites: MUS 101 and MUS 105. or permission of theory coordinator.

MUS 107 Technology for Musicians I 1
Introduction to computer/computer applications: word processing, database, spreadsheet, music notation, Internet and online library, Web page and multimedia development. Experience using, creating, and evaluating computer media for music.
Prerequisites: Music major.

MUS 120 Freshman Seminar: Sound Listening 1
Freshman seminar developing attentive listening skills and examining different theories of sound and/or music perception.
Notes: Required of MUSI majors, but open to MEDU and PRFM majors.

MUS 135 Musicology Research 3
Introduction to the basic tools of musicological inquiry, including music vocabulary, reading in the discipline, basic library research, and expository writing; cultural awareness; attentive listening to Western and global music.
GE Core: GPR
GE Marker: GN
Notes: Open to all University students.

MUS 201 Music Theory III 3
Introduction to chromatic harmony and small forms. Secondary dominants, modulation, and modal mixture; binary, ternary, and variations.
Prerequisites: MUS 102 and MUS 106. or permission of theory coordinator; Music major or minor.

MUS 202 Music Theory IV 3
Continued study of chromatic harmony and introduction to large forms. Chromatic and enharmonic modulation; rondo, sonata, and sonata-rondo.
Prerequisites: MUS 201 and MUS 205. or permission of theory coordinator; Music major or minor.

MUS 205 Ear-Training III 1
More advanced music reading and dictation. Performance, aural recognition, and notation of diatonic and chromatic melody, harmony, and two-voice counterpoint.
Prerequisites: MUS 102 and MUS 106. or permission of theory coordinator.

MUS 206 Ear-Training IV 1
Continuation of more advanced music reading and dictation. Performance, aural recognition, and notation of melody, harmony, and two-voice counterpoint.
Prerequisites: MUS 201 and MUS 205. or permission of theory coordinator.

MUS 211 Topics in Pop Music 3
Examines popular music in the context of social, cultural, and political climates. Illustrates how music is an inexorable agent of social change and identity. No previous musical experience required.
GE Core: GFA

MUS 214 Jazz Appreciation 3
Introductory course focusing on jazz. Students gain understanding of aims and methods of artistic expression and the role of cultural traditions and artistic value in human society. No musical training required.
GE Core: GFA

MUS 241 Music Appreciation 3
Introduction to Western culture art music through a survey of its history, composers, forms, styles. Requires listening assignments and recital attendance. No musical training required.
GE Core: GFA
GE Marker: GL
Prerequisites: Non-music majors only.

MUS 242 Music for Film 3
Familiarizes students with how music operates in films from the major film industries of the world, and introduces and engages musical-cinematic trends over the course of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.
GE Core: GFA

MUS 301 Analysis of Music Since 1900 3
Advanced study of pitch and rhythm in Western music since 1900, including both post-tonal and neo-tonal repertoire. Analysis of relevant works and composition exercises based on models.
Prerequisites: MUS 202 and MUS 206. or permission of instructor.

MUS 325 First Nights: Five Performance Premieres 3
Consideration of five pieces of music both as artworks and moments of cultural history. Study of the techniques of musical listening and the historical context of each premiere.
GE Core: GFA
GE Marker: GL
MUS 326 Music and Environment 3
Consideration of creative works and traditions relating human sound (music, noise, etc.) and the natural environment from artistic, humanistic, and scientific perspectives.

MUS 329 History of Rock Music 3
Survey of rock music from the 1950s to the present. Emphasis will be placed on identifying specific styles and explaining the influence of key performers.
GE Core: GFA

MUS 332 History of Western Music II 3
History of Western art music traditions from the early Christian era to about 1750.
GE Core: GFA
GE Marker: GL
Prerequisites: MUS 135.
Notes: Open to all university students.

MUS 333 History of Western Music III 3
History of Western art music traditions from about 1750 to the present.
GE Marker: GL
Prerequisites: MUS 135 or permission of instructor.

MUS 334 American Music 3
History of music in America. Ballads, spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz, bluegrass, musical theater, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, and Native American music.
GE Core: GHP
LEC: GMO

MUS 343 Music Cultures of the World 3
Survey of major world music cultures moving from Africa through the Middle East, Iran, India, Indonesia, Japan, China, and America. No prior knowledge of music is required.
GE Core: GPR
GE Marker: GN

MUS 354 Modern Asia Through Its Music 3
Exploration of modern Asian music and culture. Examines relationships between music and national identity, ethnicity, politics, colonialism, religion, and other cultural phenomena in East, South, and Southeast Asia.
GE Core: GPR

MUS 369 Music and the Grand Tour 3
Examines the historical phenomenon of the Grand Tour and its repercussions for European musical life since the seventeenth century; includes critical reflection on related modern tourism, including relevant sustainability issues.
GE Core: GFA
GE Marker: GL

MUS 431 Selected Topics in Ethnomusicology 3
This course with rotating topics will examine particular music traditions and current issues in the field of ethnomusicology beyond the survey level. Topics may focus on geographical areas (Africa, Indonesia, Native American, etc.) or theoretical/methodological issues (Music and Gender, Music and Identity, Popular Music, Fieldwork, etc.).

MUS 439 Tonal Counterpoint 3
Contrapuntal techniques and standard forms of the middle and late Baroque. Analysis of music by composers from Corelli to Bach, composition in representative forms, and aural training.
Prerequisites: MUS 202 and MUS 206.
MUS 638 Exploring Musical Cultures 1-3
This course is used for music-study trips.
Notes: Offered only when a course accompanies a specific trip. Variable credit.

MUS 639 Tonal Counterpoint 3
This course thoroughly examines the Five Species of 18th Century contrapuntal technique. It includes written and analytical assignments, culminating in creative projects: a two-part invention and a three-voice fugue.

MUS 644 Pedagogy of Music Theory 3
Survey of philosophies, curricula, course content, and teaching approaches for undergraduate courses in music theory and aural skills.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.

MUS 655 The Symphonic Tradition 3
Advanced study of symphonic styles and techniques from Baroque era to present.

MUS 660 Theory and Analysis of Rhythm 3
Survey of theories and analytical approaches regarding the temporal organization of music.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.

MUS 662 Schenkerian Analysis 3
Theories and analytical methods of Heinrich Schenker as applied to masterworks of the tonal repertory. Selected readings from Schenkerian literature.
Prerequisites: MUS 508 or the equivalent. passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.

MUS 664 Post-Tonal Theory 3
In-depth study of theoretical and analytical approaches to post-tonal music. Readings, analyses, papers, and presentations required.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.

MUS 665 History of Opera 3
Principal opera composers and styles from Monteverdi to the present; analytical study of selected major works.

MUS 669 Music and the Grand Tour 3
Examines the historical phenomenon of the Grand Tour and its repercussions for European musical life since the seventeenth century. Includes critical reflection on related modern tourism, including relevant sustainability issues.

MUS 674 Masterpieces of Musical Styles 3
In depth study of five masterpieces of music history selected from a variety of periods.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate music history diagnostic exam.

MUS 685 Music of the Nineteenth Century 3
Examines musical traditions ca. 1789-1914 beyond the survey level. Topics may include gender/sexuality, institutions, nationalism, nature, performance practice, and/or religion.

MUS 686 Music of the Twentieth Century 3
Examines musical traditions from ca. 1880 to the present beyond the survey level. Topics may include music and the State, gender/sexuality, ethnicity and identity, cultural policy/politics, religion, and/or multimedia.

MUS 687 Aural and Keyboard Skills for Music Theory 1
Instruction and practice leading to the development of aural and keyboard skills sufficient for instructors of music theory and ear training.
Prerequisites: Admission to the master's degree program in music theory or the certificate program for music theory pedagogy.
Notes: May be repeated for credit.

MUS 689 Practicum in Teaching Music Theory and Musicology 1
Supervised teaching of basic music theory and aural skills, music history, music appreciation, or world music.
Prerequisites: Admission to the certificate program in music theory pedagogy or in musicology.

MUS 690 Current and Historical Trends in Music Theory 3
Survey of the discipline of music theory. Current and historical topics such as rhythm & meter, form, tuning & temperament, pop-rock & jazz, scale theory, and neo-Riemannian theory.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.

MUS 692 Advanced Tonal Analysis 3
This course thoroughly examines the Five Species of 18th Century contrapuntal technique. It includes written and analytical assignments, culminating in creative projects: a two-part invention and a three-voice fugue.

MUS 697 Directed Study in Music Studies 1-12
Supervised advanced research requiring a written document or composition.
Prerequisites: Permission of supervising professor. Director of Graduate Study, and Dean of Music Director.

MUS 698 Document in Music Theory 1,2
Development of research topic in music theory.
Notes: May be taken for 2 credits in one semester or 1 credit per semester for two semesters.

MUS 699 Thesis 1-6
Individual guidance in the development of a specific research problem.

MUS 706 Seminar in Music History 3
Selected compositions, including contemporary writings about musical culture with reference to the composers.
Prerequisites: MUE 601 or MUS 602, and passing score on the graduate music history diagnostic exam. or permission of instructor;
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

MUS 707 Seminar in Musical Analysis 3
Rotating topics in musical analysis such as a particular historical period, genre, composer, or style.
Prerequisites: Passing score on graduate theory diagnostic exam.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

MUS 797 Directed Study in Music Studies 1-12
Supervised advanced research requiring a written document or composition.
Prerequisites: Permission of supervising professor, Director of Graduate Study, and School of Music Director.

MUS 801 Thesis Extension 1-3
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