

MUSIC THEORY FOR THE GENERAL STUDENT
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. David Cowley

MUSIC-102 (001)

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Hours: To be announced

SYLLABUS, FALL 2008

I. OBJECTIVE

Music Theory for the General Student deals with the basic materials of music. The aim of this course is to acquaint the non-music major with the fundamentals of music, musical notation, and the basic vocabulary of music theory.

II. ACTIVITIES

- a. Reading staff notation
- b. Reading and notating in G, C, and F clef
- c. Identifying pitch and octave register
- d. Identifying notes on the keyboard
- e. Spelling, identifying and notating intervals and their inversions
- f. Identifying interrelationships between meter and rhythm
- g. Notating and identifying "rhythm language"
- h. Identifying and notating various scale forms including major-minor, and chromatic
- i. Identifying the notating major and minor key signatures
- j. Identifying and notating enharmonic and relative scales and keys
- k. Notating and identifying triad and their inversions
- l. Analyzing, identifying and notating certain fundamental melodic and harmonic structures in music

III. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- a. Attendance
 1. Students are expected to attend class meetings
 2. Make-ups will be given for excused absences only
- b. Exams
 1. Four exams will be given. Consult the schedule included at the end of the syllabus.
 2. The exams will be objective and may consist of definitions, true-false, matching, completion, short answer or musical problem solving.

c. Grading

1. The final grade for this course will be determined as follows:
Exam Average: 100% (25% per exam)
2. Final grades will be determined according to the following scale:

<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Grade</u>
94-100	A
91- 93	AB
85- 90	B
82- 84	BC
76- 81	C
72- 75	CD
66- 71	D
0- 65	F

IV. TEXTS AND MATERIALS

- a. Programmed Rudiments of Music. Ottman and Mainous [2nd edition]
- b. Manuscript notebook

V. EXAM SCHEDULE:

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| a. Exam #1: Sept. 25 | Chapters: 1, 2, 14, app 3 |
| b. Exam #2: Oct. 21 | 3, 4, 7, 13 |
| c. Exam #3: Nov. 13 | 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 |
| d. Exam #4: Dec. 11 | 11, 12, 15 |