



COURSE OUTLINE

Course Name: Theory and Practice of Music 1

Course Number: MUSC 1303

Number of Credits: 3.0

Effective Date: September 2018

Course Description:

Theory and Practice of Music 1 is the first of a four-course sequence that introduces music students to music theory and practice. In level 1 students learn the fundamentals of acoustics, timbre and texture, notation systems, song forms, phrase structure, cadences, melody writing, writing simple basslines, block chord accompaniment for diatonic melodies, and elements of rhythm. In addition, assignments will include elements of orchestration, including Bb-instruments.

School or Centre:

Arts and Science

Year of Study:

1st Year Post-secondary

Course History:

New Course

Name of Replacing Course (if applicable):

Course Pre-requisites (if applicable):

Acceptance into the VCC Music Diploma program or permission of instructor.

Course Co-requisites (if applicable):

It is highly recommended (but not required) that students also take MUSC 1301 Musicianship 1 concurrently.

PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition)

No Yes (details below):

1. Practical and/or written examinations that demonstrate ability at or above the final exam and learning outcomes of this course.
2. A successful interview with the Music Department Leader and one other regularized music faculty member

Instructional Strategies:

Lecture, assignments in composition and improvisation; group work in tutorial involving improvisation

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Identify Intervals
- Identify Diatonic Triads and Seventh Chords
- Write Pentatonic and Diatonic melodies
- Write simple and compound-metre rhythms
- Analyze and write harmonies based on diatonic cadential progressions
- Write melodies based on diatonic cadential progressions
- Analyze and write melodies in different idioms
- Analyze and write examples using different phrase structures and song forms in different idiom
- Write for Bb transposing instruments

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Music Diploma, students will be able to:

1. Perform/compose in solo and ensemble contexts in one or many idioms.
2. Demonstrate critical awareness and the ability to self-evaluate about core concepts of musicianship.
3. Demonstrate awareness of historical and contemporary styles and practices in academic, practical skills and other performance contexts.
4. Meet or exceed standards of musical literacy appropriate at an undergraduate level of instruction.
5. Demonstrate mastery of vocal and/or instrumental performance techniques.
6. Promote themselves as professionals in the Music Industry and related professions.

Evaluation/Grading System

Grading System	Specify if 'Other':	Specify Passing Grade:
Letter Grades		C-

Components and Weighting of the Assessment/Evaluation Plan:

Type	Percentage	Evaluation Plan (provide a brief explanation for each component especially if value exceeds 35%):
Assignments	35	
Midterm Exam	15	
Quizzes/Tests	20	
Final Exam	30	
Total		100

Learning Environment/Type

Instruction Type	Hours Per Instruction Type	Comments
L - Classroom	42	
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Total		42

Resource Material(s):

Resources are items in addition to tuition that the student is responsible for purchasing. Course resource information will be supplied by the department/instructor.

Course Topics:

- Notation systems,
- Song forms, phrase structure
- Intervals, triads and seventh chords,
- Cadences,
- Melody writing
- Writing simple basslines,
- Writing block chord accompaniment for diatonic melodies
- Elements of rhythm
- Melodies, structures and song forms in different idioms
- Bb transposing instruments

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