

Fundamentals of Music - Music 5A

Mission College

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REQUIRED TEXT: Alfred's Essential of Music Theory - COMPLETE by Surmani, Surmani & Manus, (Alfred Publishing)

COURSE DESCRIPTION This course is a survey of the basic components common to all music in Western cultures. It provides a foundation for the student to pursue a comprehensive study of Music theory, Music History, and Music Appreciation. Emphasis will be placed on rhythmic, tonal, and modal structures and their use within the context of large-scale musical formats. Students will learn through a combination of class lecture, demonstrations, and exercises. Exercises in the text and CD-ROM will be used to acquaint the student with the application of classroom materials. You must use a **pencil** for all your class assignments and tests.

Students may choose to sign up for **Music 90(Music Lab)** for an additional 20 points in Music 5A. Music 90 is a 0.5 unit study /practice lab which allows students access to the piano lab at assigned times where students can practice on pianos and study assignments given in class. Students are highly encouraged to sign up for Music 90.

Syllabus - Music Fundamentals (TENTATIVE)

Page numbers to be assigned in class

Class Assignments

- 1 Rhythm, Measures , Note Names & Values, Rests , Time Signatures, Counting Method, Half/ Quarter Beats
- 2 Incomplete Measures, Rhythm & Timing Worksheets, Simple Meter, Compound Meter, Beams, Syncopation, Repeat Signs
- 3 **Timing Quiz**, Musical Alphabet, Keyboard, The Staff, Clefs , Ledger Lines, Black Keys/ Enharmonics , Half/Whole Steps, Accidentals, Beginning Melodies
- 4 **Rhythm Quiz**,
- 5 Review Keyboard and Notereading
- 6 **Notereading Quiz**, Chromatic Scales, Intervals
- 7 Review for Midterm Exam, Quiz on Melodies
- 8 **Midterm Exam**
- 9 Midterm Results, Major Scales, Key Signatures, Circle of Fifths, Scales Degrees
- 10 **Quiz on Major Scales and Keys**, Minor Scales, Minor Keys
- 11 Continued study of Minor Scales and Keys
- 12 **Quiz on Minor Scales and Keys**, Triads, Inversions, 7th Chords
- 13 Reading music and music for analysis
- 14 **Quiz on Triads**, Review for scale quiz
- 15 Review for Final Exam, **Scale Quiz**
- 16 **FINAL**

GRADING:

Quizzes:	20 - 50 points each
Midterm:	100 points
Final Exam :	150 points
Assignments:	up to 20 points each

If you miss a class, you are responsible for any missed work.. Absences may result in missing a required class activity , such as a class assignment, quiz, or test. Missed quizzes and exams cannot be made up, except in serious circumstance. Assignments turned in late may lose points. Be sure to contact the instructor or classmate for help regarding missed assignments.

The following scale of percentage and letter grades will be used:

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

This course may be taken on a Credit/No Credit option. The student should inform the instructor by the end of the 6th class meeting if he/she wishes to exercise this option.

Mission College makes reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should notify DISC (Disability Instructional Support Center) located in S2-201 (855-5085) of any special needs.

Attendance Policy (from the Mission College catalog, p. 152): Students are expected to attend all sessions of each class. Instructors may drop students from class if they fail to attend the first class meeting or when accumulated unexcused hours of absence exceed ten percent of the total number of hours the class meets during the semester. Moreover, an instructor may drop from the class any student who fails to attend at least one class session during the first three weeks of instruction.

Policy on Cheating (from the Mission College catalog, p. 152): The College's policy on cheating covers in-class cheating, out-of-class cheating, plagiarism, and furnishing false information. UC Davis has a good website that explains plagiarism is and how to avoid it. The URL is <http://sja.ucdavis.edu/avoid.htm>

In accordance with the Statutes of the State of California (AB 846, Chapter 342), Mission College establishes a smoke-free campus. Effective July 1, 2005, smoking is prohibited in all campus areas with the exception of the college parking lots. All smoking materials must be extinguished and properly disposed of in ash urns distributed along the boundary of the parking lot and main campus. Please help us to notify others, including campus guests, of this new policy.