

The University of Texas at Tyler

MUSI 1116: Aural Skills I, Fall 2020

Course day and time: **8:00-8:55 TR** in FAC 2006

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Office: FAC 2023--Office hours: 1-3 TR, or by appointment

DESCRIPTION: MUSI 1116 is the first semester of a cumulative two-year Aural Skills sequence required of all music majors and minors. This course provides a basic study of melodic dictation, rhythm dictation and performance, and melodic dictation and singing practices of music from the 17th through the 19th centuries, corresponding with related courses in written music theory and keyboard lab.

PRE-REQUISITES: Music major or minor status only.

CO-REQUISITES: Concurrent enrollment in MUSI 1311 and MUSI 1111. Otherwise, you will not be allowed to enroll in any of the second semester courses.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. *Music for Sight Singing*. Ottman, Robert W. and Nancy Rogers. 9th edition. Boston, et al: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 2014. ISBN-13: 978-0205760084, www.pearsonhighered.com
Earlier editions are not compatible, and the newest tenth edition is not worth buying a new book. Go to amazon.com or other sites and buy a cheaper, used 9th edition book.
2. Cell phone that can record HD audio/video
3. Access to a computer with excellent internet/Wifi for exams and quizzes (if learning is online)

OTHER MATERIALS: All students must bring manuscript staff paper to class *every day*. Any assignment submitted on paper other than manuscript staff paper will be given a grade of zero. Free staff paper can easily be found online: http://www.musictheory.org.uk/manuscript_paper.php or many other places.

ATTENDANCE: Excessive absences will affect the final grade. Students are allowed **two** absences without the final grade being affected. Each absence, starting with the third, will lower the semester average by three points. The instructor retains the sole right to determine whether an absence is of an emergency nature that would not count towards the three allowed absences. Emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. Student participation in UT-Tyler-sponsored trips (absences associated with a UT Tyler course in which the student is enrolled) do not count towards the two allowed absences. Vacations, trips not associated with a UT Tyler class, airplane schedules, etc. are not reasons to miss class, and work missed for these reasons will be given a grade of zero. Furthermore, if a student has six or more absences, **regardless of the reason**, s/he must drop the course or receive a grade no higher than a D. Students who are habitually tardy will first be counseled privately, but if necessary the instructor reserves the right to reduce the final grade of those students who are habitually and significantly late. **HOWEVER**, if you are sick, **DO NOT COME TO CLASS**. You must go to the university clinic or a doctor. After an absence for illness, I will not allow you to come back to class unless I see a note stating you were seen by the university clinic or your own private physician, and cleared to return to class.

Hygiene: As we are currently in a Covid-19 pandemic, extra precautions are in place for the entire semester. I require all students to hand sanitize upon entering the class; a hand sanitizing bottle/station is located at the door to the classroom. Regardless of the governor's ill-advised proclamation forbidding public universities to require a mask when indoors, I encourage everyone to wear a mask indoors and to receive the free Covid-19 vaccination. All students must sit and remain six feet away from the instructor at all times.

Student Dress and Conduct: Hats or caps of any kind, pajamas, or sleep pants are prohibited as dress in this class. Any recording--video and/or audio--of any portion of lectures without express prior approval of instructor is strictly forbidden, and violators will be asked to drop the class and referred for disciplinary proceedings. Students must avoid wearing strong perfumes/after shave in rehearsal, as they can easily triggered allergies. Personal grooming and hygiene are important in group settings, because students must sit for a long time near each other. Students with noticeable body odor will be asked to leave class and charged with an absence.

GRADING:

50% 4 Quizzes (Rhythm Dictation and Performance, Singing, Melodic Dictation, Harmonic Dictation)

25% Midterm Exam

25% Final Exam

GRADING SCALE: 90-100% A 80-89% B 70-79% C 60-69% D Below 60% F

The two major exams have five parts: melodic, rhythm, and harmonic dictation, singing performance, and rhythm performance. They will be administered both in class (dictation) and by appointment (performance). The final exam will be a comprehensive two-hour exam during finals week. The final exam tentatively will take place at: **8a.m. Tuesday, December 7**

Aural Skills 1: Tentative Outline

August 24	Introduction to Aural Skills; Syllabus; Course Expectations; Textbook Proper Music Notation Overview; Introduction to Solfege
August 26	Perfect intervals up and down, harmonic and melodic; major scale singing; simple rhythms
August 31	Perfect intervals; major and minor scale solfege
September 2	Melodic Dictation 1, A-B; Rhythms 1.01-1.06; Singing 2.01-2.06
September 7	Harmonic Dictation introduction; Melodic Dictation introduction-Exercises C-D; seconds
September 9	Quiz 1 (rhythm dictation); Melodic Dictation 1, E; Rhythms 1.07-12; Singing 2.07-12
September 14	Harmonic Dictation-tonic; Melodic Dictation 1, F; Rhythms 1.13-18; Singing 2.13-18
September 16	Harmony- arpeggio bass; Melodic Dictation 1, G; Rhythms 1.19-24; Singing 2.19-24
September 21	Harmony-I and V; Rhythm dictation practice; Melodies 1, H; Singing 2.25-30; thirds
September 23	Harmony-I and V; Rhythms 1.30-35; Melodies 1, I-J; Singing 2.31-36
September 28	Harmony-IV chord; Rhythms 1.36-42; Melodies 1, K-L; Singing 2.37-43; fourths
September 30	Quiz 2 (singing); Rhythms 1.43-48; Melodies 1, M-N; Singing 3.01-3.06; fifths
October 5	Harmony I, IV, V chords; Rhythms 1.49-55; Melodies, O; Singing 3.07-12
October 7	Harmony I, IV, V chords; Rhythms 1.56-62; Melodies 1, P; Singing 3.13-16
October 12	Midterm Exam
October 14	Harmony i, iv, V in minor; Melodies 1, Q-R; Compound Rhythms 1-8; Singing 3.17-24
October 19	Harmony I ⁶ and i ⁶ ; Melodies 1, S; Rhythms 4.01-05; Singing 3.25-30
October 21	Harmony ii and ii [°] ; Melodies 1, T-U; Rhythms 4.06-10; Singing 3.31-3.32; sixths
October 26	Harmony vii ^{°6} ; Rhythm Dictation practice; Melodies 1, V; Singing 3.33-40
October 28	Quiz 3 (melodic dictation); Harmony ii ⁶ and ii ^{°6} ; review of intervals and scales
November 2	Harmony IV ⁶ and iv ⁶ ; Rhythms 4.11-15; Melodies 1, W-X; Singing 3.41-46
November 4	Sevenths; Rhythms 4.16-4.20; Melodies 1, Y; Singing 3.47-49
November 9	Review of all intervals, scales, simple rhythms 1-8; compound rhythms 1-8
November 11	Harmonic Dictation; Rhythms 4.21-23; Melodies 1, Z; Singing 4.24-30
November 16	Harmonic Dictation; Rhythms 4.55-60; Melodies 1, AA; Singing 4.31-35
November 18	Quiz 4 (Harmonic Dictation); Melodies 1, BB-CC; Singing 4.36-40
	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Harmonic Dictation; Rhythms 4.61-65; Melodies 1, DD; Singing 4.41-45
December 2	Review of Rhythm Dictation; Rhythms 4.66-69; Melodies 1, EE-FF; Singing 4.46-50

Final Exam (tentative): Tuesday December 7, 8:00am-10:00am

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over **who are duly licensed** to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is September 3.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar. Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract. The Census Date (Sept. 3rd) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Student Accessibility and Resources

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a commonly-observed religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

"Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- *copying from another student's test paper;
 - *using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
 - *failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
 - *possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
 - *using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
 - *collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
 - *discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
 - *divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
 - *substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
 - *paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
 - *falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - *taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - *misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™,

UT Tyler Resources for Students

*UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu

*UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu

*The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses. UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)