

COASTAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SYLLABUS: MUS 121C-01 (Music Theory I: Written)

Prerequisite: MUS 111 or appropriate placement score

Corequisite: MUS 121L

Fall 2015 • Classroom: FA108 • Time: MWF 9–9:50AM

Class Hours/Credit Hours: 3/3

Instructor Contact Information

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Required Materials

(These materials will also be used for MUS 122, MUS 221, and MUS 222)

- *Tonal Harmony with an Introduction to Twentieth-Century Music*, 7th edition by Kostka, Payne, and Almén
- Workbook for use with Tonal Harmony
- Two-CD set for use with Tonal Harmony
 - A bundle of the required textbook, workbook, and CD set is available at the bookstore (ISBN: 9781259657870).
- Manuscript paper and a pencil

Course Description

This course provides an in-depth introduction to melody, rhythm, and harmony. Emphasis is placed on fundamental melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic analysis, introduction to part writing, ear-training, and sight-singing. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate proficiency in the recognition and application of the above. *This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA and ICAA as a premajor and/or elective course requirement.*

Course Objectives

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

- Quickly read and identify music in a variety of clefs and keys.
- Quickly identify and notate pitch, rhythm, scales, intervals, and chords.
- Define basic music terminology.
- Identify diatonic chords in major and minor keys.
- Compose an original work demonstrating concepts of part writing, voice leading, and proper notation practices within the Western art music tradition.
- Analyze musical excerpts using Roman numerals, figured bass symbols, and lead sheet symbols.

Grading Scale

A = 93–100%

D = 70–76%

B = 85–92%

F = Below 70%

C = 77–84%

Evaluation

Music Basics Test (Score of 77% or better in three attempts is required to pass MUS 121): 30%

Micro-Assessments (quizzes, homework, and in-class assignments): 15%

2 Exams (10% each): 20%

Composition Project: 10%

Comprehensive Final Exam: 25%

Music Basics Test

The Music Basics Test is timed and will be administered within the first three weeks of the semester.

Students will be asked to quickly:

- Identify pitch names of notes in four different clefs (treble, bass, alto, and tenor),
- Identify major and minor key signatures,
- Indicate names of duration symbols,
- Supply musical excerpts with bar lines to match the given time signature.

Students are allowed to take the test up to **three times** and must receive a "C" score of 77% or higher to pass MUS 121. Students have until the official withdrawal date (10/22/2015) to obtain a passing score on the Music Basics Test. Failure to obtain a passing score will result in no credit for the Music Basics Test portion of the final grade (30%) and an "F" for MUS 121.

Micro-Assessments

- Quizzes will be given in class to assess student comprehension of the material. No make up quizzes will be given.
- All homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. If the student knows they will be absent from class on a due date, the assignment must be submitted to the instructor early to receive credit. No late assignments will be accepted.
- In-class assignments include individual and group activities pertaining to the content. A student must be present and participating in an in-class activity to receive credit. No credit will be given to absent students.
- To account for unexpected circumstances and absences, the lowest three micro-assessments will be dropped.

Exams

Exam dates will be announced at least two weeks before the exam is administered. No make-up exams will be given unless the student notifies the instructor prior to the exam and receives written approval from the instructor.

Attendance

“Coastal Carolina Community College is committed to the principle that class attendance is an essential part of its educational program. . . . students may miss up to 12.5% of class hours before being mandatorily dropped by instructors" (2015–2016 College Catalog, p. 44). If a student misses **more than 6 classes**, the instructor will **automatically drop** the student. If a student is dropped after the official withdrawal date, the student will earn a "W" or an "F" based on the student's performance at the time of the drop (2015–2016 College Catalog, p. 38). Reinstatement will only be provided in the event of extenuating circumstances.

"Note: Student absences from class will be counted beginning with the first class meeting after the student has registered for the class. Laboratory hours and class hours are not interchangeable in the application of the attendance guidelines" (2015–2016 College Catalog, p. 44).

Classroom Policies and Student Preparation

- Students are expected to be respectful to the instructor and other students.
Disruptive and disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. If a student continues to participate in disruptive behavior, a "Behavior Warning Form" will be utilized and disciplinary action may be taken according to the policy provided in the college catalog.
- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Work submitted as one's own should not be done in collaboration with any other person, nor should it use material borrowed from any other source.
- Electronic device use will only be allowed for emergencies or specified classroom activities.
If a student needs their phone to be on sound or vibrate in case of an emergency, they should notify the instructor prior to class. A "Behavior Warning Form" will be used for unauthorized use of electronic devices (including ringing, vibrating, and other notification sounds) and disciplinary action may be taken according to the policy provided in the college catalog.
- Students should bring required materials (excluding CD set) to every class meeting unless otherwise instructed.
- All assignments and exams must be completed with a pencil. Graded work submitted in pen will receive no credit.
- Students are expected to check their Campus Cruiser email regularly.
- Food and drinks other than bottled water will not be allowed in the classroom.
- Students should come to all class meetings prepared by completing all assigned readings and homework.

Security

CCCC SECURITY PHONE NUMBER: 910-938-6290

The safety of all students, faculty and staff is important to CCCC. In order to maintain a safe classroom environment, any threatening behavior from students, whether verbal or physical, whether issued in jest or not, will be taken seriously and will be reported to security immediately. Class will be stopped to call security and a report will be filed with the college. Class will also be stopped immediately and CCCC security called for any incident or accident that is a disruption to class.

Academic Performance

Any decisions regarding dropping, reinstating, failing the course, disruptions to learning, academic dishonesty, etc. will be based on the academic performance of the student in this class. All students should be aware of any financial obligations to the government and/or other sources regarding monetary rules related to the above issues.

Last Class

Wednesday, 12/9

Final Exam Date/Time

Wednesday, 12/16 from 8:00–9:50AM