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### MUS 161.01: Language of Music

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Language of Music  
Music 161-01 3 credits  
MWF 2:10-3:00 pm  
Music 105

Purpose: This class provides an introduction to the “Language of Music” using both formal theory techniques and ear training, with a focus on scales, intervals and rhythm, while placing the acquired skills in both an historical and a contemporary context.

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204C Music

Topical Outline:  
Pitch and the Staff  
The Keyboard as an aid to learning pitches  
Note Values and Rhythm  
Notating Rhythm  
Major Scales and their notation  
Minor Scales  
Intervals

Required Materials:  
*Rudiments of Music* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.) by Robert W. Ottman and Frank Mainous  
staff paper (copies are okay)

Attendance Policy: Class meetings are required. Three (3) absences are allowed per semester. Additional absences are considered unexcused. Please see the instructor should there be any special circumstances, such as a university function or a death in the family.

Grading:  
Your grade will be based upon the following:  
Quizzes: 10% (lowest three will be dropped)  
Homework: 20%  
Report: 10%  
Exams (4): 40%  
Final Exam: 20%  
Exams will be cumulative.

Grading scale:

94-100 A	87-89 B+	77-79 C+	67-69 D+	Below 60: F
90-93 A-	84-86 B	74-76 C	64-66 D	
	80-83 B-	70-73 C-	60-63 D-	

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