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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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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 (4th 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.
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