MUS 137.03: Aural Perception I

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Introduction:
This is the first year of the two-year theory curriculum at the University of Montana. The areas covered in Aural Perception include sight-singing melodies, duets, chords, rhythms, using syllables/numbers/conducting, singing while playing piano, rhythmic and melodic dictation, aural recognition of intervals and chords. This class is a companion course with Freshman Music Theory, MUS 111, section 3.

Text:
A New Approach To Sight Singing, fourth edition, by Berkowitz/Fontier/Kraft

Meeting Time and Place
Tuesday/Thursday 9:10-10:00, Room 205/ Music Building

Grading Percentages:
- 4 Sight-singing Audits 30%
- Quizzes 30%
- Frequent quizzes testing dictation skill, interval and chord recognition
- Homework and Class Participation 20%
- Class assignments and Computer Lab
- Final Exam 20%

Class Participation: is expected and noted for final grade consideration.

Attendance is mandatory and will be taken regularly. Excessive missed classes will have an impact on the final grade. Three unexcused absences in a semester will result in a letter grade deduction from the final grade. Late arrival to class counts as ½ an unexcused absence. Illness will be accepted as an excused absence only if accompanied by a doctor’s note. Missed quizzes and audits will not be made up without prior approval from the instructor. If you have to miss a class, it is the students responsibility to get the missed information so that you are prepared for the following class.

Computer Lab: The student will be responsible for keeping up with the Practica Musica assignments in the Computer/Keyboard Lab located in Rm.202. Computer printouts will be checked on a regular basis.

Note: The student will be responsible for all the material assigned in class and will, at times, be required to sing individually (no exceptions). All students are required to bring staff paper to every class. You are encouraged to get together with fellow classmates to practice sight-singing and dictation outside of the classroom. You will be required to demonstrate some keyboard facility.

Academic Integrity: It is expected that each student shall abide by the honor code of the university in regards to this course. Any discovery of plagiarism, cheating or other undesirable behavior is grounds for failing the course, possible suspension and even expulsion from the university. The school policy on academic integrity can be found in the student handbook.

Final Exam:
December 18, 10:10-12:10 Room 205