MUSI 106.02: Music Theory II

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**U 30143 MUSI 106 THEORY II SECTION 2 MWF 10:10-11:00 RM 105 2 Cr.**

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Prerequisite: MUSI 105 and MUSI 140  
Corequisite: MUSI 141  

MUSI 106, Theory II, is a continuation of MUSI 105, Theory I. The course is designed as an introductory study of 18th-century contrapuntal and harmonic materials, along with an overview of structures of music as defined by and expressed in the Western European historical traditions of the common practice period.

The course is designed to guide students toward an understanding and application of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction, an ability to employ this understanding in verbal and visual analyses, and to aid in the development of aural skills.

Central to theoretical understanding is application of writing principles in two-, three-, and four-part composition, supplemented with introductory experiences in piano.

**TEXT: MUSIC IN THEORY AND PRACTICE, Vol. 1, Ed. 8, by Benward and Saker**

**GRADING SYSTEM:** All tests are graded with numbers, not letter grades. If a test is worth 50 points and one scores 45 points, the grade is 45/50 (90%). Final grade is figured on a straight 10% system; if the total possible point count for the semester is 500: 500-450=A, 449-399=B…

*Keep a record of your scores AND use each returned test as a study guide. Participation in class is expected and noted for final grade consideration. Attendance will be taken regularly and will have an impact on the final grade.*

**NOTE:** Chapter readings and Text Assignments are due at the beginning of each week, or the first date assigned for class discussion. Stay ahead in your reading and TA assignments.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2014**

**January**  
27, 31: Introduction and discussion of course content and goals;  
 Chapters 5, 6 and 7 Review: Cadences and Nonharmonic Tones;  
 Melodic Organization; Texture and Textural Reduction

**February**  
3-7: Continuation of Chapters 5, 6 and 7  
 Chapter 9 Voice Leading in Four Parts – TAs: 9.1 – 9.4  
 10-14: Chapter 9 continued; Chapter 10 preface  
 Original chorale assignment discussed  
 17: President’s Day – No classes  
 19-28: Chapter 9 continued; Chapter 10 preface  
 24: UM Concert Band Festival – MUSI 106, sec. 2, Dell Brown Rm.  
 N.B. Band members are not excused from class without a written/signed
March 3-7: Chapter 10 Harmonic Progression and Harmonic Rhythm
TAs: 10.1, 10.2, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7 (choose 2), 10.9, 10.10 (in text);
10-14: Chapters 11 & 12 The Dominant Seventh Chord; The Leading-Tone Seventh
Chord: TAs: 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.7 (written assignment; play); TAs: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 (to play in class), 12.7
17-21: Chapter 13 Nondominant Seventh Chords; Chapters 11 and 12 reviewed.
TAs: 13.1, 13.2 (write and play), 13.3, (write and play)
24-28: Chapters 14 and 15 Introduction to Secondary Dominants and Modulation
First complete draft of original chorales due.

March 31-April 4: SPRING BREAK

April

7-18: Chapters 14 and 15 Secondary Dominants and Leading-Tone Chords:
TAs: 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.9; Modulation – TAs: 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.1
14, 15: Composers’ Showcase 2014 – Class Attendance Required
CONCERT ATTENDANCE CREDIT FOR ALL EVENTS!
21-30: Chapters 14 and 15 continued
Final copies of original chorales due

May 2-9: Chapters 16 and 17 Two-Part Binary Form; Three-Part Ternary Form:
TAs: 16.1 – do in text, 17.1 – do in text

16: FINAL EXAM (comprehensive) 10:10-12:10 a.m., Rm. 105

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