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Music Theory/Composition (MUCP)

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Course Description Fifteen one-hour lessons per semester, private instruction. May be repeated

twice for a total of 9.0 credits.

MUAS643 Title Applied Music (Additional Instrument) III.

Prerequisites Majors only; John J Cali School of Music approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Fifteen one-hour lessons per semester, private instruction. May be repeated

twice for a total of 12.0 credits.

MUAS644 Title Applied Music (Additional Instrument) IV.

Prerequisites Majors only; John J Cali School of Music approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Fifteen one-hour lessons per semester, private instruction. May be repeated

twice for a total of 12.0 credits.

MUCP040 Title Practicum in Music Theory/Composition.

Prerequisites Music Theory/Composition majors only.

Course Description A forum for students majoring in music theory and/or composition to present

completed and on-going projects to peers for critiquing, as well as hearing presentations by visiting specialists in these areas. May be repeated eight

times for a total of four credits.

MUCP050 Title Fundamentals of Musicianship.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Introduction to music notation: reading of clefs, key signatures and their

relationship to various modes; rhythm and meter: basic harmonic structures (intervals, triads, and seventh chords.) sight singing and dictation stressed.

MUCP101 Title Theory I.

Prerequisites Music (MUSC) and Musical Theatre (MUTR) majors only.

Corequisites MUCP 103.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of harmony, counterpoint and musical analysis of small forms.

MUCP102 Title Theory II.

Prerequisites MUCP 101; Music (MUSC) and Musical Theatre (MUTR) majors only.

Corequisites MUCP 104.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 101. Must be taken with MUCP 104.

MUCP103 Title Aural Skills I.

Prerequisites Music (MUSC) or Musical Theatre (MUTR) majors only.

Corequisites MUCP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Sight reading and dictation in major and minor modes, using diatonic chord

progressions. Basic solfeggio. Must be taken with MUCP 101.

MUCP104 Title Aural Skills II.

MUCP104 Prerequisites MUCP 103; Music (MUSC) or Musical Theatre (MUTR) majors only.

Corequisites MUCP 102.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 103; must be taken with MUCP 102.

MUCP122 Title Advanced Music Theory and Aural Skills for Musical Theatre.

Prerequisites MUCP 102 and MUCP 104.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture, 1.5 hours lab.

Course Description Comprehensive study of concepts and skills in music theory and aural training

for the musical theatre student, including sightsinging, music dictation and transposition, elaborate chord structure and harmonic analysis and styles using literature from the musical theatre cannon. Facilitated with an enhanced application of keyboard skills germane to this degree dictated by

concurrent industry standards.

MUCP201 Title Theory III.

Prerequisites MUCP 102; Music majors or minors only.

Corequisites MUCP 203.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Chromatic harmony; intermediate contrapuntal techniques; analysis of the

larger instrumental forms.

MUCP202 Title Theory IV.

Prerequisites MUCP 201; Music majors or minors only.

Corequisites MUCP 204.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 201. Must be taken with MUCP 204.

MUCP203 Title Aural Skills III.

Prerequisites MUCP 104; Music majors or minors only.

Corequisites MUCP 201.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Chromatic and non-tonal sight reading and dictation. "Fixed do" Solfeggio.

To be taken with MUCP 201.

MUCP204 Title Aural Skills IV.

Prerequisites MUCP 203; Music majors or minors only.

Corequisites MUCP 202.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 203. Must be taken with MUCP 202.

MUCP241 Title Musical Composition.

Prerequisites MUCP 102; Music (MUSC) majors only.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Practical exploration of the various trends in the 20th century composition.

Previous course MUCP 141 effective through Spring 2014.

MUCP245 Title Private Study in Composition I.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Restricted to majors in theory/composition.

MUCP246 Title Private Study in Composition II.

Prerequisites MUCP 245.
Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Restricted to majors in theory/composition.

MUCP250 Title Jazz Theory.

Prerequisites MSSN 102.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Comprehensive study of jazz harmony including in-depth inquiry into past and

present common practice. Basic concepts such as chordal structures, progressions, diatonic reharmonization, pentatonic scales, and harmonic rhythm. Previous course MUCP 350 effective through Spring 2014.

MUCP303 Title Theory V-Counterpoint.

MUCP303 Prerequisites MUCP 202; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of part writing, species and free contrapuntal practices and techniques.

Contrapuntal and layer analysis.

MUCP304 Title Theory VI-Orchestration.

Prerequisites MUCP 202, Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of compositional and arranging techniques appropriate to writing for

individual instruments and voices and for ensembles of various size and

character.

MUCP305 Title Aural Skills V.

Prerequisites MUCP 204; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continue development of skills in notating/analyzing music that is heard or

performing written music either vocally or with instruments. Exposure to

large works in open-score, using clef transposition; introduction to

non-Western musical materials and works outside of common-practice period.

MUCP306 Title Aural Skills VI.

Prerequisites MUCP 305; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continue development of skills in notating/analyzing music that is heard or

performing written music either vocally or with instruments. Exposure to

large works in open-score using clef transposition; introduction to

non-Western musical materials and works outside of common-practice period.

MUCP310 Title Keyboard Harmony I.

Prerequisites MUCP 201.

Number and type of credits 2 hours studio.

Course Description Skills pianists will need as professional performers, therapists, and

educators. Harmonization, transposition, improvisation, realization of

figured bass, reduction of open scores, and sightreading.

MUCP311 Title Keyboard Harmony II.

Prerequisites MUCP 310; Music majors or minors only.

Number and type of credits 2 hours studio.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 310.

Title Guitar Fingerboard Harmony I.

Prerequisites MUCP 201.

MUCP320

Number and type of credits

2 hours studio.

Course Description

All scale, arpeggio, triad and chord forms in every key and position will be performed and learned from a visual perspective which aids in transposition and memorization. Performing figured bass patterns, harmonizing melodies, analyzing harmonic progressions score reading, creating grand staff reductions and learning the different jazz chord symbols develops the necessary skills

for a teaching and performing guitarist.

MUCP321 Title Guitar Fingerboard Harmony II.

Prerequisites Number and type of credits MUCP 102. 2 hours studio.

Course Description

All scale, arpeggio, triad and chord forms in every key and position will be

performed and learned from a visual perspective which aids in transposition and memorization. Performing figured bass patterns, harmonizing melodies, analyzing harmonic progressions score reading, creating grand staff reductions and learning the different jazz chord symbols develops the necessary skills

for a teaching and performing guitarist.

MUCP340

Structural Analysis.

Prerequisites

MUCP 202; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits

2 hours lecture.

MUCP340 **Course Description**

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Formal organization of selected compositions.

MUCP345 Title

Private Study in Composition III. MUCP 246.

Prerequisites Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Restricted to majors in theory/composition.

MUCP346

Title Private Study in Composition IV.

Prerequisites MUCP 345. Special Fee Special fee.

Restricted to majors in theory/composition. **Course Description**

MUCP355

Jazz Arranging.

Prerequisites MUCP 250. Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description

An introduction to the concepts of jazz arranging and orchestration. Students

will be given the tools to arrange and orchestrate for various sizes of jazz

and/or contemporary ensembles. Concepts for creating two, three and five horn arrangements will be presented. The rhythm section, as used in both large and

small groups, will be dealt with in depth.

MUCP405 Title Selected Topics in Theoretical Studies.

Prerequisites MUCP 304; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 1 hour lecture.

Course Description Research and discussion of selected topics in theoretical studies focusing on

stylistic and analytical problems to be offered as short term courses. May be

repeated once for a maximum of 2.0 credits.

MUCP412 Title Electronic Music Composition.

Prerequisites MUCP 202; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Exploration of electronic music techniques; practical experience in both

concrete and synthesizer music.

MUCP415 Title Theory Pedagogy.

Prerequisites MUCP 202; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description A survey of pedagogical approaches to music theory.

MUCP445 Title Private Study in Composition V.

Prerequisites Majors only, MUPC 346.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Restricted to majors in theory/composition.

MUCP446 Title Private Study in Composition VI.

Prerequisites Majors only, MUCP 445.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Restricted to majors in theory/composition.

MUCP460 Title Manuscript Preparation.

Prerequisites MUTC 101.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of methods of manuscript preparation, copying techniques and practical

problems involved in preparing commercial scores for recording, film and

background playing.

MUCP499 Title Independent Study In Music Theory/Composition.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Project and/or study area planned with sponsoring faculty member. May be

repeated twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

MUCP511 Title Musical Style and Analysis.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Exploration of musical style found in the historical periods of the Western

musical canon by examination of the principles and practice of music

MUCP511 Course Description construction, aural skills and related formal analysis. Chant, modal and

tonal counterpoint, diatonic tonal harmony in vocal and instrumental idioms in

both small and large forms.

MUCP512 Title Music Systems of Analysis and Composition.

Prerequisites Music (MUSC) majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Examination of the process of structural analysis, using examples of Western

tonal music of the 17th-19th centuries. Application to pre-tonal and post-tonal examples will be explored, as well as application in aural

settings. Systems of composition in post-tonal music of the 20th and 21st

centuries will also be surveyed.

MUCP515 Title Advanced Counterpoint.

Prerequisites MUCP 512; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Analysis and composition of polyphonic forms, techniques in inventions, canons

and motets based on the several compositional styles of Western music.

MUCP516 Title Advanced Instrumentation.

Prerequisites MUCP 511; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Workshop course: Tutti instrumentation for orchestra and band; scoring for

small ensembles; instruments, instrumental families and their possibilities and best uses. Direct instrumental setting of songs, hymns, etc., without the writing of a score. Elements of band military march construction and scoring.

Performance of student instrumentations when possible.

MUCP518 Title Private Study in Composition I.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Advanced work in musical composition in forms and genres determined jointly by

teacher and student. Fifteen private lessons per semester.

MUCP519 Title Private Study in Composition II.

Prerequisites MUCP 518; Music majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Continuation of MUCP 518.

MUCP520 Title Private Study in Composition III.

Prerequisites MUCP 519; Music majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Advanced work in various genres and forms of instrumental and/or vocal music.

MUCP521 Title Private Study in Composition IV.

Prerequisites MUCP 520; Music majors only.

Special Fee Special fee.

Course Description Advanced work in various genres and forms of instrumental and/or vocal music.

MUCP525 Title Keyboard Harmony for Piano Majors I.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

Course Description Skills pianists will need as professional performers, therapists, and

educators. Harmonization, transposition, improvisation, realization of

figured bass, reduction of open scores, and sightreading.

MUCP526 Title Keyboard Harmony for Piano Majors II.

Prerequisites MUCP 525; Music majors only.
Course Description Continuation of MUCP 525.

MUCP599 Title Independent Study in Theory/Composition.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Individual work performed in connection with a regularly scheduled course, but

in greater depth than normally required by that course. May be repeated twice

for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

MUCP600 Title Independent Study in Theory/Composition.

MUCP600 Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.