

Music Fundamentals
MUST 1311
MWF 9:30-10:20

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Required Text:

A Creative Approach to Music Fundamentals, 11th edition
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Course Description: Music Fundamentals will focus on basic elements of music, including rhythm, melody, and harmony. The course will explore the use of these elements in Western-European music tradition, as well as the notation of these elements.

Objectives:

- The student will read and write music notation for pitch and rhythm.
- The student will perform rhythm and pitch exercises from given music notation.
- The student will describe, identify and notate meter.
- The student will describe, identify and notate tonalities and scales.
- The student will describe, identify and notate harmonic intervals and chords.

Assignments and Exams:

Homework: 25%	There will be homework assignments each every day
Quizzes: 25%	There will be at least six quizzes
Tests: 25%	There will be two exams
Final Exam: 25%	There will be one Final Exam

Grading is as follows:

90-100 % = A, 80 – 89.99 % = B, 70 – 79.99 % = C, 60 – 69.99 % = D, 59.99 and below = F

Attendance

Attendance is required. Three unexcused absences will result in one grade reduction.

Homework

Homework is due at the BEGINNING of each class period. Late homework will not be accepted.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.

Quizzes

If a student is absent from a quiz, that quiz may be taken within 48 hours if accompanied by medical documentation.

Exams

If a student is absent from a quiz, that quiz may be taken within 48 hours if accompanied by medical documentation.

Week Dates	Topic		
Aug 24	Chapter 2	RHYTHM	
Aug 26	Chapter 2	RHYTHM	
Aug 28	Quiz #1	Chapter 3 Dotted Rhythms	
Aug 31	Chapter 3		
Sept 2	Chapter 3		
Sept 4	Quiz #2		
Sept 8	Labor Day		
Sept 9	Chapter 4		
Sept 11			
Sept 14	Quiz #3	Chapter 1&2	
Sept 16	Pitch	Chapter 1&2	
Sept 18			
Sept 21	Chapter 1&2		
Sept 23	EXAM #1		
Sept 25			
Sept 28	Chapter 5		
Sept 30			
Oct 2			
Oct 5	Quiz #4	Chapter 6	
Oct 7	Chapter 6		
Oct 9			
Oct 12	Chapter 6		
Oct 14	Quiz #5	Chapter 7	
Oct 16			
Oct 19	Chapter 7	Major Scales	
Oct 21	Chapter 7	Major Scales	Mid Term Grades Due
Oct 23			

Oct 26	REVIEW	
Oct 28	EXAM #2	
Oct 30	Chapter 8	Last day to Drop Classes
Nov 2	Chapter 8	Intervals—Diatonic
Nov 4	Chapter 8	
Nov 6		
Nov 9	Chapter 8—Chromatic	
Nov 11	Quiz #6	Chapter 9—Minor Key signatures
Nov 13		
Nov 16	Chapter 9	
Nov 18		
Nov 20		
Nov 23	Chapter 10—Minor scales	
Nov 25	Chapter 10	
Nov 27	NO CLASS	
Nov 30	Quiz #7	
Dec 2	REVIEW	
Dec 9	FINAL EXAM	10:00 AM—12:45 PM