

The University of Texas at El Paso
MUST 4212: Independent Study
2 Credits

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Prerequisites: A minimum grade of 'C' in MUST 2314 (Music Theory IV) *and* MUST 2112 (Aural Skills IV), and a passing score on the upper-level Music Theory and Aural Skills Advancement Exam.

Course Description

- This course involves arranged individual study on a specialized project in music theory and/or composition.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have undertaken a rigorous detailed study of a specialized topic. They will have a thorough understanding of the theoretical and/or compositional issues related to their chosen topic and will present a completed project to reflect this understanding.

Course Outline

The student and instructor will hold regular weekly meetings to discuss issues relevant to the project and progress being made toward the completion of the project. Students are urged to arrange additional meetings with the instructor to seek help outside of the regularly scheduled meeting time.

Grading

Grades will be based on the successful completion of the project or curriculum associated with the specialized topic.

The following guidelines will be used in determining the final grade.

A: Project is completed with careful attention to detail and with neatness and accuracy in notation and formatting. Meets all standards specified in the guidelines for the project that were determined at the beginning of the semester.

B: Project is completed and meets general expectations; though some specific level of detail may be missing, overall the standards outlined at the beginning of the semester have been met.

C: Project is completed and meets general expectations, though a greater level of detail may be lacking; overall, the standards outlined at the beginning of the semester have been met.

D: Some evidence of work shown, though the amount and quality of work falls clearly below expectations and guidelines set forth at the beginning of the semester.

F: Little or no work completed.

- A grade of 'W' will be reported only if the student withdraws from the course by the Course Drop Deadline.
- *Academic Dishonesty.* Cheating is a serious matter. Any cases of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to UTEP policy.
- *Special Needs.* I will make any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148 or at cass@utep.edu, or stop by at Room 106 in the Union East Building.

***PLEASE NOTE: The information on this syllabus is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class and/or via email.**