



MUSC 2140

Division: Fine Arts

Department: Music

Course: MUSC 2140

Title: Sight Sing/Ear Training IV

Catalog Description:

This course is required of music majors. Students develop the ability to sing music at sight, notate melodies and rhythms as dictated, and identify and notate chordal harmonies as dictated. This course must be taken in sequence, and concurrently with MUSC 2120.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Spring

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 1; Lecture: 2; Lab: 0

Clock/Hour Requirements: 0

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Prerequisites: Completion of MUSC 2140 with a grade of "C"

Corequisites: MUSC 2120

Justification:

This course, required of music majors in all university programs certified by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), prepares music majors for transfer to Utah's colleges and universities which are all NASM accredited. It will also serve to develop music literacy in the non-major. Statewide articulation agreements stipulate the transfer of this course with a grade of "C" or better.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Improve the ability to sing and identify major and minor scales, and chromatic chords.
- Improve the ability to accurately sightsing assigned and unfamiliar modulating and chromatic melodies of advancing difficulty.
- Develop the ability to accurately and fluently count rhythms.
- Develop the ability to accurately take both melodic and harmonic dictations which include modulations and altered chords.
- Students will be able to detect errors in melodic dictation.

Content:

This class will include weekly assigned sightsinging exercises from the text, in class sightsinging of unfamiliar

melodies, dictation of melodies, intervals, chords, scales and modes, rhythms, and harmonic progressions. This course will include an introduction to 20th-century and contemporary era techniques.

General Education Outcomes:

9) Respond with informed sensitivity to an artistic work or experience.

As students refine their ability to hear, they will respond with more sensitivity to musical stimuli.

Key Performance Indicators:

Each student will be evaluated on

- weekly assigned sightsingings from the text (30%),
- weekly dictation worksheets (30%),
- a mid-term exam (20%) and
- a final exam (20%).

Twice each semester private interviews will be conducted by the instructor. Students will discuss their individual strengths and weaknesses. The instructor and student will assess the student's progress and ascertain whether tutoring or computer self-help is required. Students who fail to achieve at least a "C" grad in this course may not register for MUSC 2140.

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

A New Approach to Sightsinging. Berkowitz, Frontrier, and Kraft. W. W. Norton. Current edition.

Optimum Class Size: 15

Maximum Class Size: 20

Signatures:

I hereby submit this course syllabus:

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