

Literature and Materials of Music I

MUS 121

Syllabus

General Information

Instructor Information and Availability

Instructor: Dr. Bill Whitley

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Course Information

Course name: Lit and Materials of Music I

Section number: 01

CRN: 26430

Scheduled time/days: Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:50

Number of credits: 3

Classroom(s): SSH 213

Prerequisites:

None

Course Materials

Required:

- *Music Theory Remixed A Blended Approach for the Practicing Musician* (2016) by Kevin Holm-Hudson
- Staff Paper
- Pencils

Recommended:

- *Developing Musicianship Through Aural Skills*, 2nd Edition (2010) by Kent Cleland and Mary Dobra-Grindahl
- Music Notation Software

Course Description

Covers fundamentals of music theory along with a brief introduction to Western art and vernacular music. This requires students to learn to read and write all notes in treble and bass clef, and all common scales, intervals, triads and seventh chords, using key signatures. They also learn to recognize basic rhythms and write them down.

Test Out

If you would like to test out of any section of Literature and Materials of Music, Aural Skills, or Piano, please see your instructor for the testing protocol.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
Identify and accurately use musical staff notation: clefs, pitches, intervals, rhythmic values, time signatures, key signatures, triads, seventh chords and their inversions. Identify and describe the development of musical ideas in student created compositions using simple musical forms. Create music through the use of notation or technology and demonstrate how the elements of music have been employed to realize expressive intention. Analyze the elements of music in musical works, relating them to style, mood, and context and describe how the analysis provides models for composition from the perspective of composer, performer, and listener. Demonstrate an understanding of musical works through participation in the creative process.

Class Policies

Behavior and Expectations

You are held accountable to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), which outlines expectations pertaining to academic honesty (including cheating and plagiarism), classroom conduct, and general conduct.

Guidelines for communication

Communication between students and the instructor is crucial. I cannot help you if I do not know you need help. If there are circumstances that affect your performance and/or attendance, or if you feel lost, confused, or in need of additional help, you need to talk to me so that together we can seek resources and find answers, thus making your learning experience as successful as possible.

Use of cell phones

If you need to have your cell phone turned on during class, please set it to vibrate mode. At times, the instructor may ask you to use it as a resource during class.

Attendance/Tardiness Policy

Attendance is essential for academic success and is a major factor in determining a student's accomplishment in this course. With this in mind, it is expected that each student will attend every class session possible. If a class session(s) must be missed, it is imperative that you keep up, as the class will be moving through the material very rapidly at times. Requesting that other class members provide you with copies of their notes is an excellent way to avoid falling behind.

With regard to absence from a class session, please notify the instructor via e-mail, if you will not be able to attend a session. If you are going to miss a class session, please notify the instructor directly.

Testing

There will be two exams in the term, the midterm and the final exam. The Final is comprehensive.

The Final Exam will be Monday of finals week, from 8:00-9:50.

Grading

Attendance/Participation 30%

- Preparation for graded projects and exams will all be done in class.

Projects 30%

- Three projects will be chosen by the student from options presented by the instructor.

Midterm Exam 20%

- The midterm exam will assess your ability to synthesize the material covered through week 5. This will be given during regular class time.

Final Exam 20%

- The final exam will be comprehensive, and will assess your ability to synthesize the material covered throughout the term. You will have two hours to complete it.

Letter Grade	Percentage	Performance
A	90-100%	Excellent Work
B	80-89%	Good Work
C	70-79%	Average Work
D	60-69%	Poor Work
F	0-59%	Failing Work

Late Assignment Policy

Late work is not accepted.

College Policies

LBCC Email and Course Communications

You are responsible for all communications sent via Moodle and to your LBCC email account. You are required to use your LBCC provided email account for all email communications at the College. You may access your LBCC student email account through Student Email and your Moodle account through Moodle.

Disability and Access Statement

LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in the class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the [CFAR Website for steps on how to apply for services or call \(541\) 917-4789](#).

Statement of Inclusion

To promote academic excellence and learning environments that encourage multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas, all courses at LBCC will provide students the opportunity to interact with values, opinions, and/or beliefs different than their own in safe, positive and nurturing learning environments. LBCC is committed to producing culturally literate individuals capable of interacting, collaborating and problem-solving in an ever-changing community and diverse workforce.

Statement of Diverse Repertoire and Practice

The LBCC Music Program is committed to providing an excellent education that honors both the traditional canon and music from populations who have been typically underrepresented. We are committed to presenting music to our students from diverse voices throughout their time at LBCC.

Title IX Reporting Policy

If you or another student are the victim of any form of sexual misconduct (including dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment), or any form of gender discrimination, LBCC can assist you. You can [report](#) a violation of our sexual misconduct policy directly to our Title IX Coordinator. You may also report the issue to a faculty member, who is required to notify the Coordinator, or you may make an appointment to speak confidentially to our Advising and Career Center by calling 541-917-4780.

Campus Police/Emergency Resources

You may review emergency services and resources at the LBCC [Public Safety website](#). Campus Safety can be reached using the 'Code 2' button on any campus phone or by dialing x411 on campus or (541) 917-4440 off campus. Dial 911 for off campus emergencies.

Changes to the Syllabus

I reserve the right to change the contents of this syllabus due to unforeseen circumstances. You will be given notice of relevant changes in class, through a Moodle Announcement, or through LBCC e-mail.

Class Schedule

Week	Rhythm	Harmony	Form	Textbook	
1	Simple Meters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Simple Beats ● 1st Division ● 1st Multiple ● Simple Duple ● Simple Quadruple ● Simple Triple ● 2nd Division ● 2nd Multiple ● Rests ● Ties ● Dots ● Anacrusis ● Less Common Simple Meters 		Period	Chapter 3 Chapter 12	
2	Compound Meters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compound Beats ● 1st Division ● 1st Multiple ● 2nd Division ● 2nd Multiple ● Less Common Compound Meters 				
3		Keyboard Clefs Overtone Series Consonance/Dissonance		Binary	Chapter 1 Chapter 12
4		Solfegge Major Scales Major Scale Degrees Scalar Melodic Composition			
5		Minor Scales Minor Scale Degrees Scalar Melodic Composition			

6		Intervals		Chapter 2 Chapter 12 Chapter 20
7		Triads Figured Bass Keyboard Voicing Chords		Chapter 4 Chapter 12 Chapter 20
8		Lead Sheet		Chapter 5 Chapter 12
9		7th Chords		Chapters 4 & 5
10		Final Exam Prep/Review		
Final				