

**New Mexico State University
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Music**

COURSE SYLLABUS - SPRING 2024

MUSIC THEORY II - MUSC 1461

Milton Hall, Room 85

Section M03 - MWF 7:30-8:20 a.m.

Section M04 - MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m.

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE WEBSITE

<http://www.lcsproductions.net/MUSC1461/MUSC-1461.html>

NOTE: This course **does not** use CANVAS. All information will be accessible through the course website noted above. All correspondence will be through regular NMSU email

MATERIALS

Text - [Chords and Calculators: The Metaphor of Math and Music Theory](#) (online)

An electronic device (laptop, tablet, etc.) that can interact with the web during class

Printed quiz answer sheets (available on the course website) and a pencil

Sibelius: Music Notation Software

(available in the Music Lab) (Available online - see course website)

DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the compositional vocabulary and construction of music from the common practice period of music history. It includes intervals, scales, keys, note values, meter, chord construction, harmonic progression, voice-leading, and part-writing.

COURSE ORGANIZATION

- Every week a new topic will be introduced. The first part of each week will consist of classroom instruction, exam review, homework review, and class discussion.
- At the end of each week the student will have an opportunity to demonstrate his/her comprehension of the material on a quiz
- Toward the end of the semester, each student will be asked to compose an original piece of music based on the vocabulary and concepts presented in the class. This will be accomplished in several stages/assignments. Each of these assignments will be considered one exam grade. This is also a competition, with the winners being announced in class during the last session before Final Exams. The grading and the competition will be separate. The winners will be given awards, separate from any grading.

GRADING

Weekly Homework and Exams - 60% of the final grade

Final Exam - 40% of the final grade

All assignments and quizzes are due at the time scheduled. Any work submitted after the due date will be given the grade of 0 (zero) and will be averaged in as such. **Any exceptions will need to be worked out with the professor BEFORE the assignment or quiz is scheduled.** If illness or an unavoidable incident is an issue, the student must contact the instructor as soon as possible to arrange a time to make up the assignment/quiz. If the student informs the instructor before the due date, the assignment will be due as soon as the student returns to class. If a quiz is missed, the student will need to make up the exam as soon as possible and not more than one week after the absence. One week after the student returns to class, if the work is not completed, a grade of 0 (zero) will be recorded for that work.

FINAL EXAMS

Section M03 - Friday, May 10 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Section M04 - Monday, May 6 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Students arriving late to an exam is an unnecessary disruption to the testing process. Therefore, the Final Exam will begin promptly at 8:00 and the classroom doors will be locked at that time. Any student arriving after that point will not be allowed to take the Final Exam and will receive the grade of 0 (zero). The students are strongly encouraged to arrive early to the exam and not run the risk of jeopardizing their semester grade.

COURSE ORDER OF TOPICS

- Diatonic Harmony: Chord Quality
- Diatonic Harmony: Seventh Chords
- Diatonic Harmony: Inversions and Figured Bass
- Harmonic Progression: Strong Root Movement
- Harmonic Progression: Cadences
- Harmonic Progression: Voice-leading
- Harmonic Progression: Part-writing
- Harmonic Progression: Non-harmonic Tones
- Closely-related Keys

Academic Misconduct

Academic and non-academic misconduct: The Student Code of Conduct defines academic misconduct, non-academic misconduct and the consequences or penalties for each. The Student Code of Conduct is available in the NMSU Student Handbook online:

<http://studenthandbook.nmsu.edu/>

Academic misconduct is explained here:

<http://studenthandbook.nmsu.edu/student-code-of-conduct/academic-misconduct/>

Discrimination and Disability Accommodation

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADA) covers issues relating to disability and accommodations. If a student has questions or needs an accommodation in the classroom (all medical information is treated confidentially), contact:

Main Campus

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Corbett Center Student Union Room 208

Jesse Haas, Director

575-646-6840

sas@nmsu.edu

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Title IX prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and retaliation. For more information on discrimination or Title IX, or to file a complaint contact:

Executive Director, Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator

Office of Institutional Equity

P.O. Box 30001

E. 1130 University Avenue

Las Cruces, NM 88003

575.646.3635; 575-646-7802 (TTY)

equity@nmsu.edu

Other NMSU Resources:

NMSU Police Department: (575) 646-3311 www.nmsupolice.com

NMSU Police Victim Services: (575) 646-3424

NMSU Counseling Center: (575) 646-2731

NMSU Dean of Students: (575) 646-1722

For Any On-campus Emergencies: 911

COVID-19 Expectations and the Crimson Commitment

You are expected to comply with all university requirements and expectations regarding mask-wearing, vaccination, and testing, or you should not enroll in in-person course sections. Please do not come to class if you are feeling sick; communicate with your instructor about making up any missed classes.

Mask requirements for all students

All students, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while indoors on any NMSU system campus. Any changes to this guidance will be posted online at now.nmsu.edu/plan/key-updates-and-quick-reference.html. Students seeking an exception to the mask-wearing requirement should contact the [Dean of Students Office](#) at 575-646-1722.

Vaccination and testing protocols

Students and employees at all NMSU locations who will be on campus for any reason will provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a weekly negative COVID-19 test beginning Sept. 30, 2021. More information about how to submit your proof of vaccination or proof of testing will be provided before Sept. 30.

The Crimson Commitment

All students will acknowledge the Crimson Commitment at my.nmsu.edu.

I commit to myself and other Aggies. I will:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** for COVID-19 by Sept. 30, 2021, or submit weekly proof of a negative COVID-19 test if I will be on campus for any reason
- ✓ **Monitor myself** for symptoms of COVID-19
- ✓ **Report to the Aggie Health & Wellness Center** or another medical professional if I have symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable illness
- ✓ **Wash my hands** often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer
- ✓ **Wear a mask and keep my distance** as directed by the latest university guidance
- ✓ **Stay home if I feel ill** or have been around someone ill
- ✓ **Report a positive case** online at now.nmsu.edu and participate in contact tracing if called
- ✓ **Keep up to date with the latest guidance** from experts at NMSU, the NM Department of Health, and the CDC.

I will abide by these practices throughout the year:

- ✓ I will not use vaccine status or mask-wearing to discriminate against my classmates, instructors, or NMSU staff members in any way.
- ✓ I will follow instructions regarding seating in campus classrooms.
- ✓ I will speak to my instructor if I have concerns about social distancing or wearing a mask during class.
- ✓ If I am unable to attend an in-person class session due to symptoms of COVID-19 or another illness, I will communicate with my instructor ahead of time.

If I am unwilling to comply with COVID-safe practices:

- ✓ I will talk to my academic advisor about enrolling in online course sections, if available, or disenrolling from fall coursework. (Disenrolling will impact financial aid, housing, etc.)

Stay informed about COVID-19 at NMSU

More information about the NMSU system's COVID-19 response can be found at now.nmsu.edu. In addition, updates are available to students and their families through many communication channels. Links to visit or subscribe are available at now.nmsu.edu/plan/communication-and-information-sharing.html.

Important University Dates

Spring 2024

January 17 – May 10

(Dates are subject to administrative change as necessary)

First Day of Classes	January 17
Last Day to Add a Class Without Instructor's Signature	January 18
Deadline to File a Degree Application for Current Term	January 26
Last Day to Add a Class With Instructor's Signature (late fee applies)	January 26
CENSUS – Last Day to Cancel Registration WITHOUT W (Drop online or with Advisor / College) (100% refund)	February 2
Grading Opens – Early Performance (8:00 am)	February 23
Grading Closes – Early Performance (5:00 pm)	February 27
Deadline to File a Degree Application for Current Term with Late Fee Assessed (\$50 Late Fee Assessed)	March 1
Spring Break	March 11 – 15
Last Day to Withdraw From a Single Course with a "W" (no refund)	March 21
Spring Holiday	March 29
Summer and Fall Registration Begins	Registration Schedule
Last Day to Withdraw From the University (by 4:59 pm) (no refund)	May 3
Grading Opens (5:00 pm)	May 3
Final Exams	May 6 – 10

To receive any grades in this class you must complete and submit the **Syllabus Agreement form** (linked on the course website).

It is due before the next class meeting (Friday, January 19, 2024).