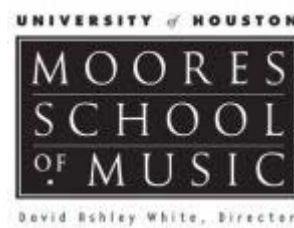


Music Theory I (MUSI 1310), Fall 2006

Professor: Andrew Davis ([email](#))

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COURSE INFORMATION

course: MUSI 1310: Theory I
time: MWF 8:00–8:50am
location: MSM 108, 110, 112, 116

course web site: <http://www.uh.edu/~adavis5/musi1310> (this page). You are expected to monitor the web site regularly for assignments, updates to the course schedule, and announcements and other news items not communicated in class or through email. Details of assignments may or may not be posted in class—you are expected to obtain the assignment and any related instructions online.

Note on rooms and class logistics: unless instructed otherwise, class will meet with Professor Davis every Monday in room 108; class will meet Wednesdays and Fridays in small sections with the teaching assistants in the assigned rooms (see the class rosters for your TA and room assignments).

PROFESSOR INFORMATION

professor: Andrew Davis, Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Director of Graduate Studies
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personal web page: <http://www.uh.edu/~adavis5> (links to courses and other useful information)

office hours: As I also serve as Director of Graduate Studies for the Moores School of Music, I am forced to limit the amount of time I am available for office hours. Unless notified otherwise, I will schedule office hours appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 9am and 5pm. Occasionally other meetings or obligations may interfere with these times, therefore you must make an appointment to see me. Most appointments will occupy a half-hour time slot. You may call me or (better) send me an email to make an appointment. TAs for the course are also available for office hours, if you need additional, or recurring, assistance with course material, or if I am unavailable. Please contact the TAs directly.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course surveys the rudiments of music (notation, intervals, scales, key signatures, triads, rhythm and meter, etc.) before proceeding to a study of the basic harmonic materials of diatonic tonal music. The basis for the course is the music of the Western classical tradition, in particular that of the tonal (common-practice) era—music from approximately 1700 to 1900. Course objectives include fluency in: basic musical materials (intervals, scales, chords); diatonic tonal voice leading and harmonic progressions, as implemented in four-part SATB writing; basic figured and unfigured bass realization; basic melody harmonization; analytical and aural familiarity with basic tonal phrase designs; and harmonic analysis of excerpts from the tonal literature.

PREREQUISITES

You must have taken and passed the theory placement exam
 You must be enrolled concurrently in Aural Skills I (MUSI 1170)

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All are available at the University Bookstore, 126 University Center (713 748 0923)

1. Benjamin, Horvit, and Nelson. *Techniques and Materials of Music: From the Common Practice Period Through the Twentieth Century*. 6th edition (2003).

2. Benjamin, Horvit, and Nelson. *Music for Analysis*. 6th edition (2007).

Also: pencils, erasers, and music manuscript paper. Sheets of manuscript paper will be needed for homework assignments. A packet of 8.5x11 manuscript paper in various formats is available at the University Copy Center (in the University Center). Use these as masters from which to make as many photocopies as needed. Ask at the Copy Center for packet no. 43, or ask for it under my name and the course number (MUSI 1310). If you use a notebook for class notes, I usually suggest having a notebook of manuscript paper.

EVALUATION

assignments and quizzes: **	40%
exam 1:	20%
exam 2:	20%
exam 3:	20%

**your lowest two assignment grades will be dropped when the final grade is computed

Grade distribution will be according to the standard scale of percentages, as follows:

	A: 95	A-: 92.5
B+: 87.5	B: 85	B-: 82.5
C+: 77.5	C: 75	C-: 72.5
D+: 67.5	D: 65	D-: 62.5
	F: below 60	

NOTE WELL: School of Music policy is that a grade of at least C- is necessary to continue in the aural skills sequence. Any grade below C- will be considered non-continuing, students who earn below a C- will not be permitted to enroll in Aural Skills II.

ASSIGNMENTS AND QUIZZES

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date indicated, and the due dates are not negotiable. Late assignments will be accepted for full credit only with a written, valid excuse. If you cannot provide such an excuse, your grade for the assignment will be penalized one letter grade for each day the assignment is late. Note that you are responsible for the work assigned in class even if you are absent from class, and that the assignment is still due on the date indicated—you should check the [schedule](#) online to see what material was assigned, and you should obtain notes on the relevant material from a classmate. Remember that your lowest two assignment grades will be dropped.

Quizzes provide a means for your instructor to test your comprehension of the material covered in class and are scheduled regularly. Quiz dates are posted on the [course schedule](#). Quizzes are normally short and do not occupy the entire class meeting.

Make-up quizzes will not be given: if you miss a quiz you must provide a written, valid excuse. If you cannot do so your quiz grade will be 0; if your absence is excused, the points for the quiz you missed will not be included when your final course grade is computed.

Exams also provide a means for your instructor to test your mastery of the material. Exam dates are posted on the [course schedule](#). **Make-up exams will only be given if you provide a written, valid excuse for why you missed the exam.** If you cannot do this, your grade for the missed exam will be 0.

The final exam (i.e., the non-comprehensive exam 3) will be given on the scheduled final exam date for this course (Monday 11 December, 8:00–11:00am). Please plan in advance—the exam cannot be given at alternate times for individual students, and make-up exams will not be given without a written, valid excuse for why you missed the exam. And please plan to be at the exam for all three scheduled hours.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

You are expected to do your own work on all assignments, quizzes, and exams unless instructed differently; any work you hand in at any time should be your own unless you are assigned to do otherwise. Problems with academic dishonesty will be handled according to the [procedures outlined in the undergraduate student handbook](#) and in the undergraduate course catalog. Please note that the mere suspicion of academic dishonesty is enough to initiate official action; please do not put yourself in the position of having to deal with this kind of situation.

DISABILITIES

If you have a disability that affects your capacity to complete assignments, quizzes, or exams in a timely manner, please inform me at the beginning of the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made. You will need to document your disability with the UH [Center for Students with Disabilities \(CSD\)](#): 100 CSD Building ([click here to get a map](#)), 713 743 5400. The CSD will provide information on your disability to the instructor, and the instructor and student will work out a mutually agreeable

arrangement (based on recommendations provided by the CSD) for how to accommodate the disability.

OTHER INFORMATION

It should be clear that in order to maintain a productive environment in class students are expected to behave with courtesy and respect toward their instructor and their classmates. Students will be dismissed from class if they are found to be creating excessive disruptions. **This includes disruptions from cell phones: turn them off.**

Last day to drop without the course counting toward "attempted credits": 09/05.

Last day to drop or withdraw with no grade: 09/18. After this date grade options for drops/withdrawals are W, Q and F.

Last day to drop or withdraw from the course: 11/01. A grade of W, Q, or F is possible. Course enrollment status cannot be changed after this date.

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