

**MUT 1242L**

**Aural Skills 2**

Class meetings: T/R 9:30am – 10:45am

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Syllabus

Course Description

Second sequence of four courses that develop skills in sight singing and ear training. Skills will include listening and identifying scales, intervals, chords, as well as reading simple tonal melodies at sight.

Textbooks

- *Ear Training: A Technique for Listening*, 7th Edition - Benward/Kolosick
- *A New Approach to Sight Singing*, 6e Edition - Berkowitz, Fontrier, Kraft, Goldstein, and Smaldone

Other Materials

Staff paper

Pencil

Objectives

- To develop and reinforce skills such as dictation, sight singing, rhythmic sight reading, meter, and notational practice
- An understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction, the ability to employ this understanding in aural, verbal, and visual analyses, and the ability to take aural dictation.

Grading

Dictation Exams (2) = 50%

Sight Singing and Rhythm Reading Exams (2) = 50%

### Exams

Dictation Exams: Two dictation exams will be given over the course of the semester. Students should be able to aurally understand and clearly notate musical ideas. Specifics on these will be covered in the days/weeks prior to the exam date.

Sight Singing Exams: Two sight-singing exams will be administered during the course of the semester. These will be given one on one. A meeting prior to these exams, students will sign up for a time to meet with the professor for 5 minute slots to take the sight singing exams. Students will not be graded on the quality of their voice but rather the accuracy of the notes and rhythms.

Rhythm Reading Exams: Similar to Sight Singing Exams, except will only focus on rhythms.

### Attendance

Because Aural Skills is “hands-on” it is important that students attend all classes. Acceptable reasons for absence (excused absences) include illness, serious family emergencies, severe weather conditions, religious holidays, and participation in official university activities. Other reasons may also apply. If you know you are going to miss a class, please let the professor know in advance so necessary arrangements can be made.

### Grading Scale

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|----|--------|------|
| A  | 93-100 | 4.0  |
| A- | 90-92  | 3.67 |
| B+ | 87-89  | 3.33 |
| B  | 83-86  | 3.0  |
| B- | 80-82  | 2.67 |
| C+ | 77-79  | 2.33 |
| C  | 73-76  | 2.0  |
| C- | 70-72  | 1.67 |
| D+ | 67-69  | 1.33 |
| D  | 63-66  | 1.0  |
| D- | 60-62  | 0.67 |

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### Resources

#### Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352-392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS) Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu)

#### Academic

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>, Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

Student Complaints Campus: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

**Course Schedule**

This schedule is at the discretion of the professor and may be modified at any time. Should any changes be made, the professor will notify the students within a reasonable amount of time.

| <b>Week</b> | <b>Content to be covered</b>                                                                   | <b>Items of importance</b> |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Week 1      | Introductions, Syllabus, Review<br>Unit 1 – Sight-Singing, Rhythms, and Ear Training Exercises |                            |
| Week 2      | Unit 1 – Sight-Singing, Rhythms, and Ear Training Exercises                                    |                            |
| Week 3      | Unit 1 – Sight-Singing, Rhythms, and Ear Training Exercises                                    | SS and RR Exam 1 (T)       |
| Week 4      | Unit 2 – Sight-Singing, Rhythms, and Ear Training Exercises                                    | Dictation Exam 1 (T)       |
| Week 5      | Unit 2 – Sight-Singing, Rhythms, and Ear Training Exercises                                    | SS and RR Exam 2 (R)       |
| Week 6      | Unit 2 – Review                                                                                | Dictation Exam 2 (R)       |