

Individual Composition Study

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Course Description: Individual instruction in the craft and art of contemporary music composition through guided exercises, score study, discussions, and composition projects.

Course Requirements: Students will complete all assigned readings, analyses, and compositions on time, and attend every weekly scheduled meeting with the instructor. Students will compose a minimum of eight minutes of music per semester, and make every effort to have their compositions performed in public. A listening journal of no less than 32 pieces, including suggestions and assignments from the instructor, will be presented at the end of the semester. Students will present a portfolio of their work for the full composition faculty at composition juries on April 27th. All students studying composition are required to attend the weekly composition forum, Mondays at 4:05pm in MUB 232.

Attendance: Regular attendance is required. Missing more than two lessons will result in the lowering of the grade by one full letter. Students are asked to contact the instructor with no less than 24 hours notice of any anticipated absence in order to reschedule. Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog.

Materials: manuscript paper, computer with notation software and sound editing software if applicable

Schedule of Topics and Activities: (tentative and subject to change)

Topics covered will include, but are not limited to:

- Generating composition material
- Strategies and techniques for developing, extending, and manipulating material
- Working within compositional constraints and limitations
- Creating variety and contrast
- Manipulating non-pitched parameters
- Employment of compositional processes
- Contemporary notation

Grading: Based on a weekly evaluation of your efforts. The composition jury grade will be included as 25% of your total grade for the course.

Information about university wide policies and resources can be found here: <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>