



Huron High School Music Department

Music Theory – Course Syllabus

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 10:25 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will be introduced to the basic fundamentals and building blocks of music theory. This course will prepare students to become better musicians as they will learn about pitches, note reading, clefs, major scales, natural minor scales, melodic minor scales, harmonic minor scales, basic chords, chord inversions, cadences, two-part harmonization, three-part harmonization, and four-part harmonization. This will give them the basics needed to continue into a more in-depth study of music theory and/or composition.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All required materials for this course can be found online at <http://www.huronbands.com/musictheory.html> or will be handed out in class. Materials from the website for each unit are to be printed out from the music theory page of the Huron Bands website at least one day prior to the upcoming unit. Students will be given at least 24 hours notice before a new unit will begin. When requested at least 24 hours in advance or necessary, materials can be provided for students in hard copy.

POLICY ON WRITTEN WORK

Work that is submitted on or before 3:00 p.m. the day it is due will be graded for a maximum of full credit. Work that is submitted after 3:00 p.m. the day it is due will be graded for a maximum of half credit. Due dates for assignments will be given AT LEAST 24 hours in advance.



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GRADING SCALE (numbers in percentages)

100.0 and above = A+

99.5-92.5 = A

92-89.5 = A-

89-87.5 = B+

87-82.5 = B

82-79.5 = B-

79-77.5 = C+

77-72.5 = C

72-69.5 = C-

69-67.5 = D+

67-62.5 = D

62-59.5 = D-

59 and below = E

ASSIGNMENTS

- **Syllabus (25 points)**
 - At the beginning of the trimester each student will be asked to read over this syllabus with their parent/guardian and then will be required to have the last page completed in full for submission by the end of the first week of the trimester.
- **Unit Notes (25 points each)**
 - Each unit will have notes consisting of the material to be covered. All information needing completion in the notes will be graded on the day of the respective unit's test.
- **Unit Homework Packets (25 points each)**
 - Each unit will have a homework packet consisting of review of the material covered in class. All information in the homework packets will be graded on the day of the respective unit's test.
- **Tests (Points vary depending on the length of the unit)**
 - Each unit will end with a test covering the materials presented in the unit.
- **Final Exam**
 - At the end of the trimester there will be a final exam. Any material covered over the course of the trimester may be used on this exam.
- **Alternate Final Exam**
 - Any student carrying an overall course grade of 100% or better will be given the option of taking an alternate final exam. More details regarding this alternate final exam will be given in class.
- **Extra Credit**
 - Extra credit will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor. All extra credit details will be given in class.



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ACADEMIC HONESTY

You are expected to do your own work in this course, and to submit only that work which you have completed. I take cheating, plagiarism, etc. extremely seriously and I have no tolerance for it. Academic misconduct on any segment of this course may result in a failing grade for the course and referral for additional disciplinary action. You are strongly advised to carefully review the Huron High School policies on academic misconduct. I will provide you with these resources upon your request.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.huronbands.com>

<http://www.huronbands.com/musictheory.html>

<http://www.musictheory.net>



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Classroom Expectations

- Come to class prepared and on time
- No Pop or Food in the classroom
- Dress appropriately for school

Outerwear is not permitted in class or the halls - including bags & backpacks

- No Cell Phones *Seen* or *Heard* in the class or in the halls
- No electronics devices
- No foul language
- Always treat others with respect



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I have read and understand all terms to the above course syllabus.

(Please fill out and return ONLY this sheet)

Student Name (Print Please)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Please)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address (Print Please)

1st Trimester
2nd Period