

Music Theory
Syllabus

Course Information:

Name: Music Theory (AP)
Year: 2017-2018 School Year
Time: 1:25 pm-2:55 pm (Block 4)
Location: Band Room

Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

3756 Music Theory

Prerequisite: Previous vocal and/or instrumental experience.

Students will need to have basic music reading skills when they enroll in this class. Students will learn fundamental terminology and notation of intervals, scales, triads, chords, key signatures, rhythm and meter, transposition, melody, harmony, tonality, texture, small and large forms. Students will also learn to recognize particular compositional processes such as harmonic functions, cadence or scale types, motive transformation, and sequential patterns. This class is available to students in grades 10-12.

Required Texts and Course Materials:

- Bruce Benward, Marilyn Saker *Music in Theory and Practice, Volume I*
New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2003
- Bruce Benward, J. Timothy Kolosick *Ear Training A Technique For Listening*
McGraw Hill
- 12-staff music paper (Provided or may be downloaded from the internet)
- No. 2 pencils
- Notebook or binder (or folder will be provided)

Supplemental Texts:

Baron's AP music Theory

Expected Course Outcomes:

The acquisition of knowledge and the development of related skills will involve written exercises in the textbook, compositional "projects", and score analysis, both aural and visual, of musical examples in the textbook as well as those from other sources.

Successful completion of the course will result in the following outcomes:

- knowledge of music fundamentals, including the staff, clefs, intervals, chromatic alteration, enharmonic equivalents, accidentals, and enharmonic intervals.
- knowledge of simple and compound meter signatures, asymmetric meter, borrowed divisions, syncopation, cross rhythms, and hemiola.
- knowledge of scales and key signatures, transposition, circle of fifths, relative major and minor scales, natural minor, harmonic minor, melodic minor, and parallel minor.
- knowledge of interval measurement and quality; intervals in the major scale; chromatic alteration; enharmonic intervals; inversion of intervals; simple and compound intervals; diatonic vs. chromatic intervals; consonant and dissonant intervals
- knowledge of triads and seventh chords; inversion; chord symbols and figured bass
- knowledge of diatonic triads in major and minor keys; functional tonal principles
- knowledge of harmonic cadences; embellishing tones; and principles of harmonization
- knowledge of the principles of first species counterpoint (two-part)
- knowledge of the melodic principles in four-part writing; voicing chords; principles of chord connection; and connecting chords in root position.
- knowledge of elementary compositional processes

NOTE:

Acquisition of knowledge and skills for this course requires *MUCH* drill work during and outside of class involving "spelling", musical notation, aural and visual analysis of musical examples, and singing. Written assignments in the textbook, quizzes, and individual work in the Music Technology Lab area required.

Grading

Grades are based on a standard point system which are then converted into a percentage.
93-100%= A, 85-92%= B, 75-84%= C, 65-74%= D, 0-64%=F.

Grading System/Point Values

Marking Periods 1-6

Class Participation - 20 pts.

Homework - 25 pts.

Exams - 100 pts.

Exercises – 25-100 pts. (Proficiency Tests)

Deductions:

Forgotten Book/Music/Homework - "0" for that class

Late - 10% deduction

Inattentive, talking - 4 pts.

Calculation of Grades: Averaged together according to weights and scale as below.

Participation = 25% of grade for that grading period

Students can expect to get full credit for this category if they arrive on time and participate in class discussions, board examples, activities, singing, etc. Students may not do homework for other classes, nor may they arrange to make up test or other work for other teachers during class time.

Quizzes/Tests/Assessments = 50% of grade for that grading period

Content material relevant to this course will be covered in class and is also available in on-line sources. Content material will include concepts related to pitch, rhythm, notation, and fundamental music theory topics.

Ear Training/Sight Singing = 25% of grade for that grading period

Strengthening of aural (listening skills) is essential for total musicianship. Students are to complete the specified drills by the deadline posted.

Course Overview

Part A: The Fundamentals of Music

Throughout the course, we will link concepts studied and mastered to the skills covered on the AP exam.

Chapter 1: Notation

Important concepts include:

Notation of Pitch, Letter Names, The Clefs, Octave Identification, Accidentals, Intervals, Enharmonic Equivalents, Half Step Motion, Notation of Duration, The Tie, The Dot, Irregular Division of Notes, Rhythm, Meter Signatures (Simple and Compound), Dynamic Markings, Guidelines for Notation in Manuscript.

Resources: Chapter Assignments

Chapter 2: Scales, Tonality, Key, Modes

Important concepts include:

Scale, Diatonic Scales, Solfeggio Syllables, Major Scale, Transposition, Minor Scale, Scale Degree Names, Scale Relationships, Tonality, Key, Other Scales (Whole Tone, Chromatic, Pentatonic, etc.), Modes (Dorian, Phrygian, Lydian, Mixolydian).

Because of the time constraints, this course limits its introduction to twentieth-century compositional techniques to whole-tone, octatonic and pentatonic scales as part of this chapter.

Resources: Chapter Assignments, Identification of scales and modes (visually and aurally) using internet based drill and training software (<http://musictheory.net>)

Chapter 3: Intervals and Transposition

Important concepts include:

Intervals, and Interval Numbers, Perfect Intervals, Major Intervals, Minor Intervals, Consonance, Dissonance, Augmented Intervals, Diminished Intervals, Enharmonic Intervals, Inversion of Intervals, Compound Intervals, Simple Intervals.

Resources: Chapter Assignments, Identification of intervals (visually and aurally) using internet based drill and training software (<http://musictheory.net>)

Chapter 4: Chords

Important concepts include:

Harmony, Chord, Triad, Triad Roots, Major Triads, Minor Triads, Diminished Triad, Augmented Triad, Triad Inversion, Root Position, First Inversion, Second Inversion

Resources: Chapter Assignments (written), Identification of chords (visually and aurally) using internet based drill and training software (<http://musictheory.net>)

Part B: The Structural Elements of Music

Chapter 5: Cadences and Nonharmonic Tones

Important concepts include:

Phrase, Harmonic Cadence, Rhythmic Cadence, Nonharmonic Tones, Unaccented Nonharmonic Tones, Accented Nonharmonic Tones

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Written, Visual and Aural identification of cadence types)

Chapter 6: Melodic Organization

Important concepts include:

The Motive, Sequence, False Sequence, Phrase, Period, Phrase Modification, Melodic Organization, Melodic Structure

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Written construction of motives, sequences, phrases, periods, and melodies; Visual and Aural identification of motives, phrases, periods)

Chapter 7: Texture and Textural Reduction

Important concepts include:

Texture, Density, Range, Monophonic Texture, Homophonic Texture, Polyphonic Texture, Homorhythmic Texture, Primary Melody, Secondary Melody, Harmonic and Rhythmic Support, Static Support.

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Visual and Aural identification of texture taken from examples from the standard Western tonal repertoire)

Chapter 8: Voice Leading in Two Voices

Important concepts include:

Voice Leading, Species Counterpoint, Cantus Firmus, Counterpoint, Parallel Motion, Contrary Motion, Similar Motion, Oblique Motion

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Assessment of errors in given counterpoint, student construction of counterpoint above or below a given cantus firmus)

Chapter 9: Voice Leading in Four Voices

Important concepts include:

Four Voice Texture, Chorales, Stylistic Practices, Root Position, First Inversion Triads, Second Inversion Triads, Standard Voice Leading Practices, Voice Ranges

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Completion of 4 voice chorales, Roman numeral analysis, realization of figured bass)

Chapter 10: Harmonic Progression and Harmonic Rhythm

Important concepts include:

Root Relationships, Chord Progressions, Circle Progressions, Ascending Fifths, Ascending Seconds, Descending Thirds, Harmonic Rhythm

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Visual and aural analysis of given progressions, harmonization of given melodies-chorales/folk songs, realization of figured bass)

Harmonization Project

Students will harmonize a given melody according to the following guidelines:

Guidelines:

1. Determine the harmonic rhythm – the number and placement of the chords.
2. Make a column under each chord change and write the letter names (designating the roots) or chord symbols (I, iii, etc) of all possible chords that could be used to harmonize the melody.
3. Indicate the obvious nonharmonic tones. These do not have to fit in the chords you choose.

4. Examine each phrase and select the cadence chords.
5. Draw a line between all adjacent chords whose roots form a descending P5th (ascending P4th) progression. (Circle progression)
6. Harmonize the melody with block chords. Use a majority of descending P5th progressions while separating such series with ascending p5th, descending 3rd or ascending 2nd progressions.
7. Create an accompaniment for your harmonization.
8. Arrange your harmonization for one of the following:

<u>Brass Quintet</u>	<u>Saxophone Quintet</u>	<u>String Ensemble</u>
Trumpet	Alto Sax	Violin
Trumpet	Alto Sax	Violin
Horn in F	Tenor Sax	Viola
Trombone	Tenor Sax	Cello
Tuba	Baritone Sax	Bass

Chapter 11: The Dominant Seventh Chord

Important concepts include:

Spelling the Dominant 7th, Inversions of the Dominant 7th, Resolution of the Dominant 7th

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Spelling the dominant 7th in various keys, written resolutions of the dominant 7th, analysis [visual and aural] of music literature containing the dominant 7th, student harmonization of melodies including the dominant 7th chord, realization of figured bass including dominant 7th chords).

Chapter 12: The Leading Tone Seventh Chord

Important concepts include:

Half diminished 7th chord, Fully diminished 7th chord, Resolution of tritones, Resolution of root and 7th factors

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Spelling the leading tone 7th in various keys, written resolutions of the leading tone 7th, analysis [visual and aural] of music literature containing the leading tone 7th, student harmonization of melodies including the leading tone 7th chord, realization of figured bass including leading tone 7th chords).

Chapter 13: Non Dominant Seventh Chords

Important concepts include:

Analysis Symbols, Dominant and nondominant functions, Circle progressions, Noncircle treatment, Resolution of the 7th factor

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Spelling the nondominant 7th in various keys, written resolutions of the nondominant 7th, analysis [visual and aural] of music literature containing the nondominant 7th, student harmonization of melodies including the nondominant 7th chord, realization of figured bass including nondominant 7th chords).

Chapter 14: Modulation

Important concepts include:

Modulation, Closely related keys, Common chord, Pivot chord, Common chord modulation, Phrase modulation, Direct modulation, Chromatic modulation

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Naming closely related keys, Identification [aural and visual] of different types of modulations, harmonic analysis of literature with modulations, harmonization of melodies including modulation, realization of figured bass including modulation).

Chapter 15: Secondary Dominants and Leading Tone Chords

Important concepts include:

Secondary dominants, Altered chords, Primary dominants, Tonicized chord, Secondary leading tone chords)

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Spelling secondary dominants in various keys, Identifying secondary dominants and leading tones chords of a Tonicized chord, Identification [aural and visual] of secondary dominants and leading tone chords, harmonic analysis of literature including secondary dominants and leading tone chords, harmonization of melodies including secondary dominants and leading tone chords, realization of figured bass including secondary dominants and leading tone chords).

Chapter 16: Two Part (Binary) Form

Important concepts include:

Formal divisions, Closed form, Open form, Simple Forms, Two-Part (Binary) Form, Three-Part (Ternary) Form, Compound Forms, Bar Form

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Analysis [visual and aural] of given compositions from the standard Western tonal repertoires).

Chapter 17: Three Part (Ternary) Form

Important concepts include:

Three Part Form, Expanded Ternary Form, Rounded Binary Form, Refrain, Bridge, Quaternary Form

Resources: Chapter Assignments (Analysis [visual and aural] of given compositions from the standard Western tonal repertoires).

Classroom Expectations:

Band Room Rules:

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Respect others and they will respect yours.
2. Know the rules in the Bridgeport High School Handbook and abide by them.
3. Come to class promptly and follow the instructions on the board. Do not leave your seat without permission throughout the class period. *Sign out/in whenever you leave the room during class. Hall passes will be limited. Please follow EMERGENCY USE guidelines as reason to be in the hall during class.*
4. Come to class with required materials and ready to rehearse within two minutes of the bell. Be in the room *en route* to your seat before the bell rings.
5. Respect others and they will respect you. Take pride in your surroundings. (No food, gum, or drinks in the band room – Clean-up after yourself! – *Leave No Trace!*) *You know what's right – Do that! You know what's wrong – Don't do that!"*

Sign Out Procedures

1. Ask permission.
2. Complete the sign out card. Include: Date, Time and Destination.
3. Take the Hall Pass with you.
4. When you return: List the time and return the Hall Pass.

Once a student reaches 4 class time sign outs, a parent/guardian will be contacted to see if there may be an underlying issue.

**NO SIGN OUTS DURING THE FIRST OR LAST 15 MINUTES OF CLASS
USE THE TIME PROVIDED BETWEEN CLASSES TO USE THE RESTROOM**

Discipline Procedure: Penalty, at the discretion of the director, may include: warning, reduction of daily grade, conference with student, phone call to parent, detention, or office referral. (Severe offenses will result in an office referral prior to other action being taken.)

The Beginning of Class: Students will be counted tardy if they are not in the room when the tardy bell rings, but it is important that they not just stand around once they arrive. With 5 minutes between classes, students will need to move quickly through the halls. Immediately upon entering the band room, students need to set about promptly getting their materials together to begin rehearsal. *All of your classes will go better if you are ready to learn when you walk in the door.*

Academic Honesty:

Making references to the work of others strengthens your own work by granting you greater authority and by showing that you are part of a discussion located within an intellectual community. When you make references to the ideas of others, it is essential to provide proper attribution and citation. Failing to do so is considered academic dishonesty, as is copying or paraphrasing someone else's work. The consequences of such behavior range from failure on the assignment to out-of-school suspension. You will be encouraged to share ideas and to include the ideas of others in your papers and presentations. Please ask if you are in doubt about the use of a citation. Honest mistakes can always be corrected or prevented.

If you would like a hard-copy of this syllabus, please request one from Mr. Hayslette. We are taking steps to use less paper. Thanks.

The instructor reserves the right to make additions or changes to this syllabus at anytime.
Students and parents will be notified in advance when policies or requirements change.