Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
The School of Arts, Media & Communication  
Department of Music

MUSI 1311.001: Musicianship I  
MWF 9:00-9:50am, CA 222  
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Required texts:


Corequisite: MUSI 1116.

MUSI 1311: Musicianship I

I. Course Description: Companion to MUSI 1116. Designed to provide the student with the necessary understanding and analytical skills to be able to perform, create, and discuss music on a competent intellectual basis.

II. Student Learning Outcomes and Course Schedule: After completing this course, students will be able to read, build and identify the following aspects of music:

   A. Pitch and pitch class – Weeks 1-2
   B. Major and minor keys – Weeks 3-6
   C. Intervals – Weeks 7-9
   D. Triads and seventh chords – Weeks 10-11
   E. Inversion symbols and figured bass – Weeks 12-13
   F. Diatonic triads and seventh chords – Weeks 13-14

III. Attendance Policy

Since every class will cover new material, good attendance is essential for your success. Plan to attend every class meeting, with the reading assignment completed beforehand, and with your books in hand.

The attendance policy for this course is the following:

   • You are allowed four absences from class for any reason. A student must be present for the majority of a class meeting to be counted as “present”.
   • After the fifth absence (regardless of the reason), your final course grade will be lowered by one letter grade.
   • After the sixth absence (regardless of the reason), you will receive a failing grade in the course.
   • Arriving late or leaving early from class counts as ½ an absence.

Students who do miss class are expected to contact the instructor regarding any missed work. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find out what was covered and make up missed work as soon as possible. Because this course will move very quickly, late homework assignments will not be accepted (except with medical documentation). Assignments must be completed prior to the beginning of class and turned in at the assigned time.
Students who miss exams or quizzes will ONLY be allowed to make them up with either a written doctor’s excuse, a letter from a faculty member stating the student was involved in an official school function, or a death in the family. Make-up exams and quizzes are time-consuming and difficult to schedule and administer. Students should always strive to attend every class and especially every day with a scheduled quiz or exam.

IV. Measuring Learning Outcomes

- Quiz Composite (10 quizzes) 25%
- Midterm Exam Wed, 3/11 25%
- Final Exam Wed, 12/13 8 am – 10:30 am 25%
- Homework composite 25%

Grading Scale:
A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = 0-59

Course must be passed with a “C” or better in order to be admitted to MUSI 1312

Additional Important College of Liberal Arts and University Information:

Dropping a Class: I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Friday, April 10 is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Classroom/professional behavior: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

Grade Appeals: Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamucc.edu/students/studeninfo.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean.

Disabilities Accommodations: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall 116.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**Statement of Academic Continuity:** In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

**Academic Advising:** The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.