Aural Training III  Dr. Mary Thornton
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Required Text:  
- You must bring your textbooks to class every day.

Additional Requirements: Pencil with eraser and 8½ x 11 music manuscript paper. I will not accept anything in pen: you will automatically receive a zero.

Course Description: This course has two main areas: singing & rhythmic performance, and dictation. Note that you must be concurrently enrolled in Music Survey III. Prerequisites: Score of C or higher in Aural Training II (MUSI 1117). You must earn a minimum of C in Aural Training II to advance to Aural Training III.

Learning Outcome: The student will demonstrate knowledge and practical skills in sight singing melodies (using solfège for diatonic melodies, melodies with secondary chords, and modulating melodies), performing rhythms (using a counting system and conducting), and dictation (intervals, chords, melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic).

Assessment: Success in Aural Training III will be based on homework, participation, and three exams. The third exam will be given on the last day of class or the designated final exam time slot (Thursday December 8, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.), depending on the progress of our class.

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Homework:  
- Homework is due at the start of class. If it is not turned in by the time class begins (11:00 a.m.), you will receive a zero. I will be happy to check everything you turn in, but you will not receive any credit for it.
- Your lowest five homework grades are dropped. Because your lowest five homework grades are dropped, I will not accept any late homework, even if you have a documented excused absence.
- If you are absent from a class due to a performance of a TAMUCC ensemble or other approved music department event, you must still turn in your homework on time.
- Homework must be done in pencil, and not on a music software program. If you turn in work in pen or from a music software program, you will receive a zero.
- You must turn in your own unique assignment. If there is any sign of copying homework, both students will immediately receive an F in the class and will be reported to Academic Affairs. You must submit work that clearly shows you worked independently.

Exams:  
- You will not be excused if you miss an exam for doctor’s appointment; only emergency room visits will be excused.
- You are not allowed to leave the room during an exam.
- If there is any sign of cheating on an exam, you will immediately receive an F in the class.

**Absences & Tardies:**
- As per music department policy, you will only be allowed **four** absences for this course (regardless of the reason).
  - With your fifth absence, your final course grade will be lowered by one letter grade.
  - With your sixth absence, you will receive a failing grade in the course.
- It is your responsibility to keep track of your absences. When you are no longer allowed to drop the course, you will automatically receive an F instead.
- Absence from a class due to a performance of a TAMUCC ensemble or other approved music department event will not be counted against the student.
- Only in the most extreme cases (e.g. extended hospitalization) will I consider making an exception to these rules.
- Two tardies equal one absence.
- Examples:
  - If you have one absence and two tardies, this is equal to two absences.
  - If you have two absences and seven tardies, this is equal to five absences and one tardy.

**Important Dates:** Exams will be announced weeks before they are given.

**August 28**
Classes begin

**September 5**
Last day to late register or add a class

**September 4**
Labor Day holiday; University closed

**October 2**
Last day to apply for December graduation

**November 15**
Last day to drop a class

**November 22**
Reading Day – no class

**November 23-24**
Thanksgiving Holiday; University closed

**December 5**
Last day to withdraw from the University

**December 5**
Last day of our class (Written Exam Portion of Exam #3)

**December 6**
Last day of classes

**December 7**
Reading Day

**December 14**
Final Exam (Singing Portion of Exam #3)

**11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**December 16**
Graduation

**Calendar:** (Subject to change) OR: Ottman/Rogers; BK: Benward/Kolosick

Week 1: Evaluation Exam
Week 2: OR: Chs. 10 & 11 Review; BK: Ch. 9
Week 3: OR: Ch. 12; BK: Ch. 9
Week 4: OR: Ch. 12; BK: Ch. 9
Week 5: EXAM #1; OR: Ch. 12; BK: Ch. 10
Week 6: OR: Ch. 12; BK: Ch. 10
Week 7: OR: Ch. 13; BK: Ch. 10
Week 8: OR: Ch. 13; BK: Ch. 10
Week 9: OR: Ch. 13; BK: Ch. 11
Week 10: EXAM #2; OR: Ch. 14; BK: Ch. 11
Week 11: OR: Ch. 14; BK: Ch. 11
Week 12: OR: Ch. 14; BK: Ch. 11
Week 13: OR: Ch. 15; BK: Ch. 12
Week 14: OR: Ch. 15; BK: Ch. 12
Week 15: OR: Ch. 15; BK: Ch. 12

EXAM #3: Tues December 5, Written Portion of Exam #3
**EXAM #3: Thurs, December 14, Singing Portion of Exam #3**

**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 class.

**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.

**UNIVERSITY POLICIES GRADE APPEALS PROCESS**

As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures (available at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C2.01_student_grade_appeal_procedure.pdf). For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean's Office.

**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.

**DISABILITY SERVICES**

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, Room #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 e-mail. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be
modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (e.g., e-mails, websites, 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.