

MUSI 1185-0001: Ear Training I

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Section Information: MUSI 1185-0001

Time and Place of Class Meetings: TR 8:00-8:50am section I, FA309

Description of Course Content: Techniques of melodic and rhythmic sightsinging and procedures of dictation.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will learn to identify and implement the elements of Ear Training at a basic level and will learn the functioning principals of Ear Training in preparation for the subsequent course in the Ear Training sequence.

Requirements: Students will be required to spend up to six hours each week outside of the regularly scheduled class time in preparation of quizzes, homework, readings, projects and exams.

Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials: Berkowitz, Frontier and Kraft: *A New Approach to Sight Singing*, current edition. MacGamut 6 Software.

Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with APPROXIMATE due dates:

Weeks 1-4: Unit 1 SS Exam and MacGamut due 9/17, ET Exam 9/19

- Berkowitz Melodies #1-46
- MacGamut Unit 1
 - Intervals – Melodic 2nds and 3rds (2 choices)
 - Scales – Major and Minor Ascending
 - Chords – M and m root triads
 - Melodic Dictation – Major I skips
 - Harmonic Dictation – I and V, root

Weeks 5-8: Unit 2 SS Exam and MacGamut due 10/17, ET Exam 10/22

- Berkowitz Melodies #47-91
- MacGamut Unit 2
 - Intervals – add P4, P5 and P8 (4 choices)
 - Scales – add Major and Minor descending
 - Chords – Add dim and aug triads
 - Melodic Dictation – Large I and V skips
 - Harmonic Dictation – add IV

Weeks 9-12: Unit 3 SS Exam and MacGamut due 11/5, ET Exam 11/7

- Berkowitz Melodies #92-135

- MacGamut Unit 3
 - Intervals – add 6ths (6 choices)
 - Chords – add 1st inversion all
 - Melodic Dictation – cut time, IV skips, 6ths
 - Harmonic Dictation – add 1st inversions

Weeks 13-15: Unit 4 SS Exam and MacGamut due 12/3, ET Exam 12/10 (**8:00-10:30**)

- Berkowitz Melodies #136-180
- MacGamut Unit 4
 - Intervals – All melodic (12 choices)
 - Chords – add 2nd inversion, all
 - Melodic Dictation – Larger IV skips
 - Harmonic Dictation – add ii and dim ii

Grading Policy: Final grades are determined as a percentage of your total points against the total points possible. Note, extra credit assignments may only increase your grade a maximum of one letter grade (C to B, yes; C to A, no). Music majors must receive a C or better to pass ETI and enroll in ETII

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

Attendance Policy: Students may have 2 unexcused absences in the semester without penalty. For each absence following, 10 points will be deducted from the final point total of the student's accumulation. Quizzes missed as a result of **ANY** absence cannot be made up. Points missed due to an excused absence will be reviewed on an individual basis. If an absence is foreseen, arrangements must be made early for homework assignments or exams. Sight Singing exams missed due to tardiness may be made up in front of the class on the following class meeting at a 10% deduction.

Classroom Behavior Policies:

Students must make every effort to come to class on time. Disturbances of entering classrooms after class has begun can disrupt the classroom environment, affecting both the professor and the student. Quizzes missed as a result of tardiness cannot be made up under any circumstance.

Cell Phones, PDAs or any other electronic communication devices are strictly prohibited in the classroom environment. Laptop computers may be used for note-taking purposes only. Disturbances from such devices will result in 10-point deduction for each infraction.

Students who create a discourteous environment will be asked to leave the classroom.

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/faol/>).

Americans with Disabilities Act: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities,

University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled in this course are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, [which is located at the Southeast corner of this floor \(next to the Theory Lab\)](#). When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist handicapped individuals.