

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: MUSC 213: Advanced Harmony and Atonal Structures
CLASS SECTION: X01
TERM: Winter 2025
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD: Standard

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<https://camosun.ca/indigenization-territorial-acknowledgement>

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Dr. Jonathan Haek

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OFFICE: None.

HOURS: Please email to arrange a meeting.

Course instructors endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. If you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with your instructor. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course explores principles of advanced chromatic harmony, including large-scale functions of tonality and the emergence of post-tonal structures. Vertical and horizontal structures are worked and studied simultaneously. Emphasis is on strong music writing skills supported by an ability to spontaneously create harmony through improvisation.

PREREQUISITE(S):

All of:

- C in MUSC 212

CO-REQUISITE(S):

All of:

- MUSC 215

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Spontaneously compose a 4-part chorale in the style of the mid-18th century, and complete a written score capturing all musical details of the composition.
2. Improvise an SATB harmonization effecting modulation to any key and a return to tonic, and complete a written score capturing all musical details of the composition.
3. Work effectively in composition and analysis with harmonic mixture and chromatic harmonies including “Neapolitan” chords, augmented 6th chords, common-tone chords, altered triads, and extended chords.
4. Identify instances of parallel harmonies and atonality in post-1900 works.
5. Create a 12-tone matrix.
6. Analyze and extrapolate compositional methodologies from advanced sonata forms, multi-movement forms employing directional tonality, and small forms demonstrating episodes of post-tonal structures.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

WEBSITE: Login to Desire2Learn (D2L) for access. <https://online.camosun.ca/>

TEXTBOOK: *The Musician’s Guide to Theory and Analysis*, Fourth Edition, by Clendinning and Marvin. Available at the Camosun College bookstore. Textbook will be used during ALMOST EVERY class.

SUPPLIES: To EVERY class, bring staff paper, loose-leaf paper, sharp pencil, and eraser.

OTHER: Computer access to the course website in D2L. Weekly homework will be posted online.

RECOMMENDED:

- A. *The Norton Manual of Music Notation*, by George Heussenstamm. An optional resource for learning placement of traditional notational elements and how to handwrite music.
- B. The course website in D2L. In addition to homework assignments and class handouts, extra practice exercises and review materials will be posted here.
- C. The **teoría** and **musictheory.net** websites. <https://teoria.com/> and <https://musictheory.net/>
Access these FREE websites for supplementary exercises, tutorials, reference, and articles for both music theory skills and ear training.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

DATES: 14 Weeks, January 6 - April 12. Plus, April 14-23 for final exams.

CLASS LOCATION: Victoria Conservatory of Music, Room 303.

CLASS TIMES: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-3:20 PM.

HOLIDAYS: Week 7, Tuesday and Thursday, February 18 and 20: Reading Break - No Class.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor. The use of MGTA refers to the course textbook, *The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis*.

WEEK	DATES	TOPICS, READINGS, and DUE DATES
Week 1	T Jan. 7 R Jan. 9	Course Syllabus. Sonata Form. MGTA Ch. 30 Sonata form and related forms.
Week 2	T Jan. 14 R Jan. 16	Chromatic elaborations and other chords. MGTA Ch. 26, 28 Chromatic elaborations and other chords.
Week 3	T Jan. 21 R Jan. 23	Mystery Theme. Chromatic Modulation. MGTA Ch. 22, 26-28 Homework 1 Due. Chromatic Modulation.
Week 4	T Jan. 28 R Jan. 30	Chromatic Modulation. Homework 2 Due. Chromatic Modulation.
Week 5	T Feb. 4 R Feb. 6	Vocal Forms. MGTA Ch. 29 Homework 3 Due. Vocal Forms. Tonal Ambiguity.
Week 6	T Feb. 11 R Feb. 13	Review for midterm exam. Homework 4 Due. Review for midterm exam.
Week 7	T Feb. 18 R Feb. 20	No Class: Reading Break. No Class: Reading Break.
Week 8	T Feb. 25 R Feb. 27	Midterm Exam. Tonal Ambiguity. The shift from asymmetry to symmetry.
Week 9	T Mar. 4 R Mar. 6	Symmetrical Harmony. Modes, scales, and sets. MGTA Ch. 34 Homework 5 Due. Music after 1900. MGTA Ch. 35
Week 10	T Mar. 11 R Mar. 13	Music analysis with sets. MGTA Ch. 36 Music analysis with sets.
Week 11	T Mar. 18 R Mar. 20	Pitch-class sets (pcsets) and transformations. MGTA Ch. 37 Homework 6 Due. Pcsets and transformations. Ordered sets and serialism.
Week 12	T Mar. 25 R Mar. 27	Twelve-tone rows and the row matrix. MGTA Ch. 38 Homework 7 Due. Twelve-tone rows and the row matrix.
Week 13	T Apr. 1 R Apr. 3	Twelve-tone rows and the row matrix. Homework 8 Due. Experimentation and new approaches. MGTA Ch. 39-40
Week 14	T Apr. 8 R Apr. 10	Review for final exam. Final Composition Project Due. In-class performances.
Final Exam Period	April 14-23	Date of Final Exam, TBA.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced noticed is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the CAL exams page at <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>.

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Assignments: Weekly Homework [8 total]	36%
Quizzes: Before midterm (1), After midterm (3) [4 total]	12%
Exams: Midterm Exam [2 total] Final Exam	15% 20%
Other: Final Composition Project In class work and participation	12% 5%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you received for an evaluation, please see your instructor as soon as possible. Refer to the Grade Review and Appeals policy for more information at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

- A. Classroom time, 3 hours per week; Estimated out-of-class time, 3 hours per week minimum provided student attends ALL classes. The amount of time spent on this course may vary from student to student.
- B. Use the Weekly Schedule chart in the Course Schedule section above to stay on track. For each week of the term, class topics, textbook chapters, and assessment due dates are provided in the chart. The following is an overview of the class organization (subject to change): Tuesdays will focus on wrapping up questions from the previous week, then beginning new weekly material and concepts that will appear on the new homework assignment distributed the same day and due in the following week on Thursday; Thursdays will be spent finishing weekly material started on the previous Tuesday. Students must **be prepared for each class** by reading, PRIOR to class, the chapter(s) listed in the Weekly Schedule chart.
- C. Starting in Week 3, **weekly homework** assignments will be due in class on Thursdays. These assignments may involve accessing the course website in D2L. The readability of each assignment you hand in will count into its grade. This includes your handwriting and the correctness of your notation. Students must only submit their own original work; submitting other classmates' assignments on their behalf is not allowed. Periodic **quizzes** (unannounced) will occur at the beginning of class (don't be late!). **Attendance and participation** are mandatory in all class sessions, as this is a course that depends on synthesizing new concepts with in-class practice.
- D. The **midterm exam** will be given in Week 8 and will test your knowledge of all the material covered since the beginning of the term. The **final composition** project will be a larger compositional assignment given at least two weeks early and due in Week 14 with an in-class performance. The **final exam** may occur any time within the final exam period (April 14-23). All students must be present for the final exam; DO NOT make travel plans that overlap with any part of the exam period. Examination schedules are posted on the post-secondary bulletin board at the VCM by late February.

- E. Attendance is taken at the beginning of each class, and it is your responsibility to notify (email) the instructor each time you are absent. **Each unexcused absence after the first three** will count as a 4-percent deduction to the participation portion of your grade. **Late homework** that has not been granted a deadline extension WILL be accepted with a penalty of 2 percentage points each day an assignment is late, up to a maximum of 30 percentage points deducted. There are no make-ups for missed quizzes or exams and no extensions of homework deadlines **unless your absence is excused AND notice was given PRIOR to class**. Absences may be excused for illness, emergency, or participation in institution-sponsored events when appropriate documentation, if requested, is promptly forwarded to the instructor. In the case of prolonged illness, documentation is required from a doctor (or certified healthcare professional) that includes a clear statement of WHAT you could not do and WHEN you could not do it (e.g., "Student was bedridden from March 5-10," or "Student will not be able to use right hand for two weeks, March 1-15"). It is not necessary to disclose the reason for your illness. Upon approval of your doctor's note, accommodations within reason will be made to reschedule missed assessments or grant extensions on due dates.
- F. Do not bring noise-making devices to class. If you must, turn them OFF (preferred) or be sure your silent mode is truly silent. Extraneous beeps, rings, and buzzes are disrespectful to your classmates and to the instructor. Noisy food is also prohibited in the classroom.
- G. **Should problems or difficulties with the course materials arise, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. Suggestions for extra help customized to your specific needs will be provided.**

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL: Camosun Arts and Science

DEPARTMENT: Music (Victoria Conservatory of Music)

Through its partnership with the Victoria Conservatory of Music, Camosun offers three music programs in classical and contemporary disciplines, with courses at the foundational level, in music technologies, and in music performance.

All Music Program students are registered Camosun College students entitled to receive all services – including but not limited to academic and personal support – as provided by both Camosun College and the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Music Program students are bound by all policies – including but not limited to academic, administrative, and personal conduct policies – of both Camosun College and the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrollment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies, demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others, and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (e.g., physical, depression, learning, etc.). If you have a disability, the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) can help you document your needs and, where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure that you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and how to get started at <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>.

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.1.pdf> for details about how students' academic progress is monitored and what steps can be taken if you are at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadlines for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy / Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space will be offered to the next waitlisted student. Please see the “Attendance” section under “Registration” at <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html> and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information, see the Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and visit <http://camosun.ca/sexual-violence>. Contact the Office of Student Support at oss@camosun.ca or by phone at 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841.

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. It is also expected that all students conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review the Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses, if it becomes necessary, so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.