

	School of Arts & Science MUSIC DEPARTMENT MUSC 114 Aural Skills 1 Fall 2017
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COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online at <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/musc.html>

* Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.
 It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.
 You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Jonathan Haek
(b)	Office Hours:	Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11:30 AM
(c)	Location:	Victoria Conservatory of Music, Room 203
(d)	Phone Number:	None (Please use e-mail)
(e)	E-mail:	jonathan.haek23@online.camosun.ca
(f)	Website:	https://online.camosun.ca/ (Login to D2L for access)

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Notate from dictation, sight-sing, and improvise a melody which forms a part of a brief excerpt of species counterpoint, a tonal melody, or a line of simple diatonic harmonizations.
2. Recognize by ear, reproduce with the voice, notate from dictation, and sight-sing from written notation the discrete pitches of scales, triads, and seventh chords in a diatonic key.
3. Recognize by ear modulation to the dominant key using secondary dominants and diminished chords in a harmonized musical fragment.
4. Vocalize the pitches indicated above a bass note by simple figured bass and root-quality chord notation.
5. Identify by ear the beginning and ending points of major sections within a work in simple binary and ternary form.

3. Required Materials

- (a) **Textbook:** *Music for Sight Singing*, Ninth Edition, by Rogers and Ottman. Available at the Camosun College bookstore. Textbook will be used during EVERY class.
- (b) **Supplies:** To EVERY class, bring staff paper, loose-leaf paper, sharp pencil, and eraser.
- (c) **Other:** Computer access to the course website on D2L. Weekly homework will be posted. See Section 7, Recommended Materials, below for supplementary course resources.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Dates: 14 Weeks, September 5 - December 9. Plus, December 11-19 for final exams.

Class Location: Victoria Conservatory of Music, Room 203.

Class Meeting Times: Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM.

Holidays: No holidays affect Aural Skills classes this term.

- (a) Classroom time, 2 hours per week; Estimated out-of-class time, 2 hours per week minimum provided student attends all classes. The amount of time spent practicing for this course will vary widely from student to student.
- (b) The weekly schedule is outlined below on Page 6. For each week of the term, class topics, textbook chapters, and assessment due dates are provided. In general, Wednesdays will focus on sight singing/reading skills and Fridays will focus on dictation/writing skills (some cross-over is likely). Class time will be spent practicing skills together and individually.
- (c) Starting in Week 2, **weekly homework** assignments will be due in class on Fridays. These assignments will usually involve accessing the course website on D2L. The readability of each assignment you hand in will count toward its grade. This includes your handwriting and the correctness of your notation (see Section 7a below). Students must only submit their own original work; submitting classmates' assignments on their behalf is not allowed. Periodic **pop quizzes** (unannounced) will occur at the beginning of class (don't be late!). Attendance and participation is mandatory, as this is a course that depends on in-class practice.
- (d) There will be a two-part comprehensive **final exam** at the end of the term. Each of the two separate parts of the final exam may occur any time within the final exam period (December 11-19). All students must be present for both parts of the 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 October.

4. Course Content and Schedule (Continued)

- (e) 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 20 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 is promptly forwarded to the instructor. In the case of 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 October 5-7," or "Student will not be able to use right hand for two weeks, October 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, do not leave them in silent mode, turn them OFF. Extraneous beeps, rings, and buzzes are disrespectful to your classmates and to me – a zero-tolerance policy will be observed. Noisy food is also prohibited in the classroom.

5. Basis of Student Assessment

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| (a) Assignments: | Weekly Homework (online): | 30% of course mark |
| | Practice. Always. | 0% of course mark |
| (b) Quizzes: | Pop Quizzes, dictation: | 10% of course mark |
| | Pop Quizzes, singing: | 10% of course mark |
| (c) Exams: | Final Exam, Part 1, dictation: | 20% of course mark |
| | Final Exam, Part 2, singing: | 20% of course mark |
| (d) Other: | In class work and participation: | 10% of course mark |

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

6. Grading System (Continued)

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. Recommended Materials and Services

- (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 on D2L (see Section 1f above). Class handouts, homework assignments, exercises, and reviews will be posted here. The interactive exercises are particularly useful for extra practice.
- (c) The **teoría** website. <http://www.teoria.com/> Access this website for supplementary exercises, tutorials, reference, and articles for both ear training and music theory skills.
- (d) MacGAMUT software for ear-training drills and practice. <https://www.macgamut.com/> An optional tool for extra help practicing musicianship skills. The software can be purchased online for US\$40 (download the free demo version first to test it out). Possibly better than practicing with a human, which is another (highly recommended) option.
- (e) **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.**

7. Recommended Materials and Services (Continued)

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, at Student Services, or at the College web site.

<http://camosun.ca>

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STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

<http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf>

Weekly Schedule:

The following outline is subject to change. The Rogers and Ottman textbook is referred to as R&O below.

Week 1	W 9-6 F 9-8	Welcome. Course Outline. Introduction to aural skills. Notation. Types of Dictation and Strategies.
Week 2	W 9-13 F 9-15	Conducting. Solmization. R&O Chs. 1-2. Hw. 1 Due. Scales. Intervals. Counterpoint.
Week 3	W 9-20 F 9-22	Scales. Intervals. Counterpoint. R&O Ch. 2. Hw. 2 Due. Simple, compound meter. Short melodies. R&O Chs. 1-2, 4.
Week 4	W 9-27 F 9-29	Diatonic triads and seventh chords. Hw. 3 Due. Diatonic triads and seventh chords.
Week 5	W 10-4 F 10-6	Major melody with leaps in tonic triad. R&O Chs. 3-4. Hw. 4 Due. One- and two-part melodies. Chord qualities and inversions.
Week 6	W 10-11 F 10-13	Minor melody with leaps in tonic triad. R&O Ch. 5. Hw. 5 Due. Chord qualities and inversions.
Week 7	W 10-18 F 10-20	Melody with leaps in dominant triad. R&O Ch. 6. Hw. 6 Due. Beat subdivision. R&O Ch. 10.
Week 8	W 10-25 F 10-27	Simple diatonic harmonizations. Improvisation introduction. Hw. 7 Due. Simple diatonic harmonizations. Cadences.
Week 9	W 11-1 F 11-3	Alto/tenor clefs. Melody with subdivision. R&O Chs. 7, 11 Hw. 8 Due. Figured bass and chord symbol harmonic realization.
Week 10	W 11-8 F 11-10	Improvisation of counterpoint, melody, and harmony. Hw. 9 Due. Figured bass and chord symbol harmonic realization.
Week 11	W 11-15 F 11-17	Modulation to dominant using secondary V and vii° chords. Hw. 10 Due. One- and two-part rhythm, melody, and harmony.
Week 12	W 11-22 F 11-24	Improvisation. Harmonic realization. Hw. 11 Due. Binary and Ternary Form.
Week 13	W 11-29 F 12-1	Course skills summary and review (singing). Hw. 12 Due. Course skills summary and review (dictation).
Week 14	W 12-6 F 12-8	Practice singing exam. Practice dictation exam.

Final Exam Period: December 11-19. Dates of Final Exam, Parts 1 and 2, TBA.