

HSU Music Department
MUS 215: Theory II – Fall 2016
M/W/F: 10:00–10:50 AM (MUSB, Rm. 203A)

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Before contacting me please be sure to read the syllabus, which has answers to a number of common questions. I am happy to discuss anything covered in class, to answer questions about completed or nearly completed homework assignments (before the due date), to review graded homework assignments before revisions, etc. However, I will NOT re-teach material covered in class on a day you were absent; it is your responsibility to get notes from a classmate.

Course Information

Course Description

MUS215 (Theory II): Continues MUS 214: pre-dominant 7th chords, sequences, secondary chords, modulation, binary and ternary forms.

In this course we will complete our study of diatonic harmony and begin the study of chromaticism with secondary chords and modulation. The last third of the course will focus on the study of musical form, beginning with small units (phrases, subphrases, and motives) and expanding to binary and ternary forms. The format of the course is a mixture of informal lecture and in-class practice.

Pre- and Co-Requisites

MUS214 (Theory I) is a pre-requisite for Theory II. If you have not completed Theory I (or tested out of it), you are unlikely to have a good experience in Theory II. Additionally, if you have not already completed the piano class requirement, you should be enrolled in a piano class.

Textbook and Required Materials

- Clendinning and Marvin: *Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis*, 2nd edition (textbook, anthology, and recordings)
- Staff paper and notebook paper
- Pencil (no pen, please)
- Binder for collecting class materials

Classroom Conduct

Students are expected to show basic professionalism in the classroom. Class will commence promptly at 10:00 am so plan to arrive a few minutes before the start of class (see attendance policy for more details). I expect that you will stay for the duration of the class, but if you need to leave class temporarily, please do so without asking, as quietly as possible. Students will come to class with the necessary course materials (e.g., homework, staff paper, textbook, etc.) and will turn off cell phones and other electronic devices and place them in a closed bag or case so that they are not a distraction to you or anyone else in class. Please remove ear-buds or headphones during class.

Attendance, Tardiness, and Make-Up Assessments

- Attendance in this class is *mandatory*. Students will be allowed *three unexcused absence* without penalty to their final grade. Each unexcused absence after the first three will result in the final grade being lowered one grade step (e.g. B+ to B)
- Students who arrive to class more than 5 minutes late or leave class early will be considered tardy. The accumulation of 3 tardies count as 1 unexcused absence.
- Missed quizzes and tests can only be made up for *excused absences* in extenuating circumstances (e.g. serious illness, death in the family) or Music Department events (e.g., competition, ensemble tour). Students will be required to provide some form of documentation for the absence (e.g., a doctor's note).
- Absences resulting from an unusual situation or other personal circumstance may be considered excused on a case-by-case basis. Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss your situation if this seems relevant to you.

If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to: contact me as soon as possible and provide documentation (for an excused absence), get notes from a classmate, and print out any handouts or homework assignments from Moodle.

Student Learning Outcomes

HSU SLOs

HSU graduates will have demonstrated:

- Effective communication through written and oral modes.
- Critical and creative thinking skills in acquiring a broad base of knowledge and applying it to complex issues.
- Competence in a major area of study.
- Appreciation for and understanding of an expanded world perspective by engaging respectfully with a diverse range of individuals, communities and viewpoints.

HSU graduates will be prepared to:

- Succeed in their chosen careers.
- Take responsibility for identifying personal goals and practicing lifelong learning.
- Pursue social justice, promote environmental responsibility, and improve economic conditions in their workplaces and communities.

Music Department SLOs

This course will contribute to your acquisition of skills and knowledge relevant to these Music Department (and National Association of Schools of Music) Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate the ability to hear, identify, and work conceptually with the elements of music – rhythm, melody, harmony, and structure.
- Students will demonstrate familiarity with, and an ability to perform a wide selection of musical literature representing principal eras, genres, and cultural sources.
- Students will demonstrate ability in performing areas appropriate to the student's needs, interests, and degree path.
- Students will demonstrate effective English writing skills.

Course-level SLOs

- Students will demonstrate understanding of harmony and principles of voice-leading incorporating material from Theory I plus vii^o7, ii7, IV7, diatonic sequences, secondary dominant, and modulation using diatonic pivot chords
- Students will demonstrate ability to analyze excerpts of music incorporating material from Theory I plus vii^o7, ii7, IV7, diatonic sequences, secondary dominant, and modulation using diatonic pivot chords
- Students will be able to analyze forms: periods, binary forms, and ternary forms

Course Requirements and Grading

Final Grade Calculation

Homework Assignments	50%
Quizzes	5%
Test #1	10%
Test #2	10%
Binary Form Composition	10%
Final Exam	15%

Letter Grades

A = 93%–100%	A- = 90%–92%	B+ = 87%–89%	B = 83%–86%
B- = 80%–82%	C+ = 77%–79%	C = 73%–76%	C- = 70%–72%
D+ = 67%–69%	D = 60%–66%	F = below 60%	

Homework

You should expect to have a homework assignment for nearly every class. These assignments will take roughly 2 hours each, and will include part-writing exercises, analyses, and readings from the textbook. As you work on the assignments, refer to your notes and the textbook, and as much as possible listen to the music you are writing or analyzing.

Due dates

Homework is always due at the **beginning** of class. Due dates for each assignment are listed below in the “Course Schedule. Please do not leave homework assignments in my mailbox or drop them off at my office *unless* you’re turning in an assignment early because you will be missing class because of a professional conflict (e.g. ensemble tour).

Late and Incomplete Homework

I will accept *up to three homework assignments* one class period late without penalty (e.g. if you don’t turn in an assignment on Monday, you have to turn it in at the beginning of class on Wednesday of the same week). If you hand in an assignment more than one class period late, or if you hand in a fourth late assignment, it will not receive credit (i.e. you will receive a 0). I do not accept homework that is less than approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ complete. Homework assignments are still due by the beginning of class even if you are absent. In that case, you may scan and email the assignment to me, or give it to another student to turn in, or use one of your three allowed late passes to turn in the assignment at the next class meeting.

Homework Revisions

If your homework assignment receives a grade less than 90%, you **may** revise the assignment *once*. The maximum score for re-do assignments will be 90% instead of 100%. Revisions must be completed on a new page, attached to the original assignment. **Do not** erase or write over the original. Revisions will be accepted up through two class periods after the assignment is returned in class (this will be maintained whether or not a student is in class the day the assignment is returned or if a student turned in the original assignment late).

Academic Honesty

There is a fine line between helping a classmate and cheating. Consider the following:

- Cheating occurs if two people compare every answer on an interval or chord-spelling assignment.
- Helping occurs if two people review how to spell a chord or interval, practice together on no more than the first one or two chords in the assignment, and then complete the assignment separately.
- Cheating has usually occurred if two people hand in identical part-writing assignments.
- Helping can include trading part-writing papers to check for errors after both people have completed the assignment.
- Giving answers, or telling someone if something is correct is usually cheating.
- Asking a student questions which will lead him/her to discover their mistake, or how to do something is always helping.

Quizzes

There will be several short quizzes to drill concepts and practice speed and fluency. Quizzes will take place promptly at the beginning of class. You can only make up a quiz if you have an excused absence (see attendance policy above).

Tests and Exams

Test #1: Wed. Sept. 28

Test #2: Wed. Oct. 26

Final Exam: Mon. Dec. 12 (10:20–12:10). There is no option of rescheduling the final exam. The date and time are set in the HSU Final Exam Calendar.

Incompletes

A grade of incomplete will be given only if the following conditions are met: 1) Near the end of the semester a severe illness or other catastrophe makes completing the semester's coursework impossible. 2) You request a grade of incomplete as soon as you realize that you will be unable to complete your coursework. 3) You are passing the course when you request the incomplete.

University Policies, Procedures, and Resources

Students are responsible for reading/reviewing and knowing various University policies and procedures. The Syllabus Addendum website (URL listed below) provides links to policies and procedures as well as helpful resources:

- **Information about Campus Policies**
 - Academic Honesty Policy, Attendance and Disruptive Behavior Policy, Student Code of Conduct, etc.
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- **Information about Campus Procedures**
 - Adding or Dropping a Class and Campus Emergency Procedures
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- **Information about Student Services and Resources**
 - Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Disability Resource Center, Financial Aid, and Academic and Career Advising Center.

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/academicprograms/syllabus-addendum-campus-resources-policies>

Course Schedule

Homework assignments are listed on the due date (subject to change with fair notice). Topic headings roughly correlate to dates.

Day	Homework Assignment	Day	Homework Assignment
Week 1: Review		Week 9: Modulation	
Aug. 22	Introductions	Oct. 17	HW#17
Aug. 24		Oct. 19	HW#18
Aug. 26	HW# 1	Oct. 21	HW#19
Week 2: PD 7th Chords		Week 10: Test #2, Phrases	
Aug. 29	HW# 2	Oct. 24	Review
Aug. 31	HW# 3	Oct. 26	Test #2
Sept. 2	Quiz #1	Oct. 28	
Week 3: vii°7		Week 11: Sentences, Periods	
Sept. 5	Labor Day (no class)	Oct. 31	HW#20
Sept. 7	HW#4	Nov. 2	SMT Conference (no class)
Sept. 9	HW#5	Nov. 4	SMT Conference (sub.) HW#21 & 22
Week 4: vii°7, Sequences		Week 12: Periods, Binary Form	
Sept. 12	HW#6	Nov. 7	HW#23
Sept. 14	Quiz #2	Nov. 9	HW#24
Sept. 16	HW#7	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day (no class)
Week 5: Sequences		Week 13: Binary Form	
Sept. 19	HW#8	Nov. 14	HW#25
Sept. 21	HW#9	Nov. 16	HW#26
Sept. 23	HW #10	Nov. 18	HW#27
Week 6: Test #1, Secondary Chords		**Fall Break**	
Sept. 26	Review	Week 14: Ternary Form	
Sept. 28	Test #1	Nov. 28	HW#28
Sept. 30		Nov. 30	HW#29
Week 7: Secondary Chords		Dec. 2	HW#30
Oct. 3	HW#11	Week 15: Motives, Review	
Oct. 5	HW#12	Dec. 5	HW#31
Oct. 7	HW#13	Dec. 7	HW#32
Week 8: Secondary Chords, Modulation		Dec. 9	Perform final compositions
Oct. 10	HW#14, Quiz #3		
Oct. 12	HW#15	Final Exam	
Oct. 14	HW#16	Due Monday, Dec. 12, 10:20–12:10	