

Syllabus: MUS 216 - Ear Training I –spring 2017

Basic Course Information

Class meets: TuTh 8:00-8:50, Room 203A

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Office Hours and Days:

Tuesday, 10:00-10:50 in performance module. I am also available by appt.

Textbook:

Ottman: *Music For Sight Singing*, 9th edition

Course Schedule (Subject to change)

Jan 17	Jan 19
Welcome!	Dictation practice
Jan 24	Jan 26
Dictation practice Ottman 1.12,1.14	Ottman 2.13,2.14 M2/m2
Jan 31	Feb 2
Dictation quiz Ottman 1.15,1.16	Ottman 2.15,2.28 M3/m3
Feb 7	Feb 9
Dictation quiz Ottman 1.18,1.21	Ottman 2.30,2.31 Major scale
Feb 14	Feb 16
Dictation quiz Ottman 4.3,4.5	Ottman 4.24,4.26 P4/P5/P8
Feb 21	Feb 23
Dictation quiz Ottman 4.9,4.10	Ottman 4.40,5.31 Natural minor scale
Feb 28	Mar 2
Dictation quiz Ottman 4.11,4.18	Ottman 4.41,5.38 M6/m6
Mar 7	Mar 9
Dictation quiz Ottman 1.23,1.24	Ottman 3.17,3.29 TT/m7
Mar 21	Mar 23
Dictation quiz Ottman 1.36,1.40	Ottman 3.41,5.11 Melodic minor scale
Mar 28	Mar 30
Dictation quiz Ottman 1.42,1.46	Ottman 3.44,5.28 M7

April 4	April 6
<u>Dictation quiz</u> Ottman 4.12,4.13	Ottman 4.33,4.34
April 11	April 13
<u>Dictation quiz</u> Ottman 4.14,4.57	Ottman 4.42,5.35
April 18	April 20
<u>Dictation quiz</u> Ottman 4.59,4.63	Ottman 4.47,5.42
April 25	April 27
<u>Dictation quiz</u>	Review
May 2	May 4
<u>Interval quiz</u>	<u>Dictation Final</u>
May 9	May 11
	Final Exam: 8:00-9:50: Sight-singing, rhythm reading assessment

Course Description/ Student Learning Outcomes:

The aim of your ear training course is to develop skill in your aural comprehension of music. We will approach the task from several different directions at once by working on performance of rhythms, melodies, and keyboard exercises and through dictation of rhythms, harmonic progressions and melodies.

What to expect for Harmonic/Melodic/Rhythmic Dictation/Identification:

Unit I:

Harmonic: Major and minor triads.

Melodic: Stepwise melodies, major and minor scales.

Rhythmic: Division of the beat in simple meter.

Unit II:

Harmonic: Add diminished and augmented triads.

Melodic: Add thirds.

Rhythmic: Division of the beat in compound meter.

Unit III:

Harmonic: Add seventh chords.

Melodic: Add all 3rds and leaps from tonic to dominant.

Rhythmic: Division of the beat in simple meter (x/2).

Unit IV:

Harmonic: Add tonic expansions/chord progressions.

Melodic: Examples from the repertoire.

Rhythmic: Division of the beat in compound meter (x/4).

Pre-Requisites, etc.

In order to successfully understand the Ear Training I material, you must also be enrolled in Theory I. In addition, you should be enrolled in a piano class. If you have great difficulty with singing, you should also be singing in a choir.

Grading and Course Requirements

Grades will be computed as follows:

Your grade will be based on your demonstrated skills in six different components of the course: singing, melodic dictation, rhythm performance, rhythmic dictation, harmonic dictation, and interval identification.

Letter Grades will be computed as follows:

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%	

Attendance and Policy on Missed Quizzes

Attendance is obviously very important and will comprise 10% of your grade. Quizzes missed due to tardiness or flakiness will not be made up. Quizzes missed due to unavoidable schedule conflicts or illness may be made up, *provided that you contact me BEFORE you miss the quiz!* Missed proficiency quizzes will not be made up.

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.

Learning Outcomes

HSU Learning Outcomes

This course explicitly contributes to your acquisition of skills and knowledge relevant to these HSU Learning Outcomes:

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.

HSU graduates will be prepared to:

- Succeed in their chosen careers.

- Take responsibility for identifying personal goals and practicing lifelong learning.

In addition, 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.

Other Information

Students with Disabilities:

I am interested in helping every student learn as effectively as possible. If you think that you would learn better if I knew about a learning disability that you have, please tell me about it and let me know how best to help you. If you think that you should be tested to determine *if* you have a learning disability, or if you need to request disability-related accommodations that require assistance from experts in the field, you should contact the

Student Disability Resource Center in House 71, 826-4678 (voice) or 826-5392 (TDD). Some accommodations may take up to several weeks to arrange. Contact the [Student Disability Resource Center](http://www.humboldt.edu/~sdrc/) at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~sdrc/>

Add/Drop policy:

Students are responsible for knowing the University policy, procedures, and schedule for dropping or adding classes. See [Schedule Adjustments \(Adding or Dropping\)](http://www.humboldt.edu/~reg/regulations/schedadjust.html) at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~reg/regulations/schedadjust.html>

Emergency evacuation:

Every classroom should have a gold poster describing the evacuation plan for the classroom. In case of an emergency requiring an evacuation, we will meet in the Art Quad to check that everyone made it out of the building safely. Then, if we need to move further away from the building, we will assemble at Redwood Bowl.

Please review the evacuation plan for the classroom (posted on the orange signs) , and review [Campus Emergency Preparedness](http://studentaffairs.humboldt.edu/emergencyops/campus_emergency_preparedness.php) at http://studentaffairs.humboldt.edu/emergencyops/campus_emergency_preparedness.php for information on campus Emergency Procedures. During an emergency, information can be found campus conditions at: 826-INFO or [Emergency Conditions](http://www.humboldt.edu/emergency) at www.humboldt.edu/emergency

Attendance and disruptive behavior:

Students are responsible for knowing policy regarding attendance and disruptive behavior: [Class Attendance and Disruptive Behavior](http://studentaffairs.humboldt.edu/judicial/attendance_behavior.php) at http://studentaffairs.humboldt.edu/judicial/attendance_behavior.php

