

Department:

Music

Course Description:

This course is designed for all students who wish to gain a basic understanding of the foundations of western music. Materials are designed to give students a working and practical knowledge of these basics as well to create links between multiple genres and styles.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to :

1. Read music notation, all notes and corresponding rests, intervals and terminology
2. Understand meter signatures and write major and minor key signatures and scales, including chromatic and enharmonic tones
3. Complete simple rhythmic and melodic dictation exercises

Course Schedule:

- A. Musical Building Blocks
- B. Pitch and Dynamics
- C. Notational system
 1. Note values
 2. Rest values
- D. Rhythm and Meter
 1. Simple Meter
 2. Compound Meter
 3. Ties and Beaming
- E. Intervals
- F. Scales
 1. Major scales
 2. Natural minor scales
 3. Harmonic minor scales
 4. Melodic minor scales
- G. Triads
- H. Basic Harmony

Learning Assessments:

Assessments will be selected from lesson assignments, quizzes, examinations, and projects.

Instructional Materials:

Text: The Musician's Guide to Fundamentals. Clendinning, Marvin, and Phillips. 2nd Edition. W.W. Norton. 2014 ISBN: 978-0-393-92388-9

Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students **must** complete the "Disabilities Self-Identification Form" at this link:

<https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services>.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.