

Music 195 section 3, Music Theory I (3 credits)
MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m., E335 HFAC; <http://neilthornock.net/courses/195/195.html>

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Course Description

You will begin the study of tonal harmony, including a review of the rudiments of music, the introduction of primary harmony, and voice leading principles. Acceptance into the music major and concurrent enrollment in Music 193 and Music 197 are required.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, you will demonstrate your understanding of diatonic harmony by writing your-part exercises and analyzing selected music. My hope is that you will gain a deeper appreciation for the music you perform and listen to as a result of our time together.

Required Materials

Benjamin, Horvit, and Nelson, *Techniques and Materials of Tonal Music*, and accompanying anthology, *Music for Analysis*

Manuscript (staff) paper (always have this on hand!)

Pencils and erasers

Course Grading

Learning Exercises	0-35%
Participation	15%
Mastery Exercises	Remaining grade
Attendance	See below

Learning Exercises

I will provide you with Learning Exercises to assist you in learning this material. You may choose how many, and which ones, to complete. Each completed LE you turn in will be worth 1% of your total grade in the course. All LEs are pass/redo: if they are complete, you receive a check; otherwise, I ask you to redo the assignment. *A completed assignment is dated!* You have three options:

- 1) Complete an unspecified number of assignments. You will get credit for whatever amount you turn in, up to 35 assignments.
- 2) Turn in one assignment a week. If you feel that you need some accountability but not a lot of out-of-class work, choose this option. You may still turn in more if you like, but you are not obligated to do so. For any week in which you do not turn in an assignment, your final grade will be reduced 1%.

3) Turn in one assignment daily. If you need accountability and a lot of practice, choose this one. For every day you do not turn in an assignment, your final grade will be reduced 1%. You get 5 “free” days of your choice (no penalty for missing assignment).

You may turn in LEs whenever you like. Assignments are recorded according to the date on the assignment (the date you completed them). However, *you may not turn in more than two on any given day*, regardless of when they were completed.

Participation

Participation includes:

Contributing to an edifying learning environment (beware cell phones, food, sloppy appearance, etc.)

Being fully engaged in group work, whether providing insight or asking for help

Respect and kindness to everyone

You will assign yourself a participation grade at the end of the semester of 0 to 15, with one or two sentences explaining your grade. We will discuss the participation grade in greater detail in class.

Mastery Exercises

The remainder of your grade – up to 50% – will be the four Mastery Exercises: Melody Harmonization, Figured Bass Harmonization, Unfigured Bass Harmonization, and an Analysis. Here are some guidelines:

You may complete the Mastery Exercises whenever you feel ready.

You have 24 hours to complete the Mastery Exercise from the time you print it until it is finished.

If you do not like your grade on your first try, you may have a second try; however, you must wait two weeks before a second attempt. The second try in each case will be a different but similar exercise.

Because these exercises test your mastery of the technique, the grading will be very steep!

Attendance

I take attendance every day. If you are on time, you get a 0. If you are late, you get a 1. If you are absent, you get a 2. The first 4 attendance points are free. Thereafter, your final grade will be reduced by your number of attendance points.

Key Signature and Triad Quizzes

During the second week of class, you will take a Key Signature Quiz and a Triad Quiz. You must retake the quiz until you pass. You must pass the quiz before the last day of class in order to receive a grade for the course.