MUSIC (MUS)

MUS 101. Music Theory I. 4 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: Experience in reading music notation is recommended and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 102. Music Theory II. 4 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 101. Enlargement of vocabulary to comprise inversion of triads, non-harmonic tones, chord extensions, harmonic analysis and modulation. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: MUS 101 or permission of instructor and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 103. Basic Music (MOTR MUSC 101). 3 Credit Hours.
A course in the fundamentals of music including note reading, scales, keys, intervals, rhythmic activities and simple keyboard study.

MUS 113. History of Jazz (MOTR MUSC 100J). 3 Credit Hours.
This class is a review of artists, composers, and other influences associated with the art of Jazz. It will examine the relationship of Jazz on culture in the United States and the world.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 114. Music Appreciation (MOTR MUSC 100). 3 Credit Hours.
This class is a survey of various aspects of music including the philosophy, science, theory, anthropology, sociology, history, and physical act of producing music. A wide variety of musical styles and associative composers will be used to explore these aspects of music.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 115. Voice I. 2 Credit Hours.
Introduction to the fundamentals of singing. Attention directed to tone production, breath control, diction, phrasing, rhythmic and melodic precision stage deportment.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 121. Class Piano I. 2 Credit Hours.
A course designed to develop basic skills and techniques in piano playing applicable to various types of music. For the student with no previous keyboard experience.

MUS 122. Class Piano II. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 121.
Prerequisites: MUS 121 or demonstrated proficiency and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 128. History of Rock and Roll (MOTR MUSC 100RP). 3 Credit Hours.
This class is a review of the music, artists, composers, and other people associated with Rock and Roll and its impact on culture.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 130. Beginning Guitar. 2 Credit Hours.
Course objective is to acquire a classical playing technique. Emphasis on correct seated and hand positions, note reading, chording and basic music theory. Students must supply their own guitar (nylon string recommended).
Prerequisites: Ability to read music is recommended and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 131. Chorus (MOTR PERF 102C). 1 Credit Hour.
Study and performance of representative choral literature. Emphasis on vocal technique and development. Additional studio hours required.

MUS 132. Orchestra (MOTR PERF 102O). 1 Credit Hour.
Study and performance of representative chamber and symphonic literature. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: Audition and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 134. Symphonic Band (MOTR PERF 102B). 1 Credit Hour.
Study and performance of representative symphonic band literature. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: Experience in playing a band instrument and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 135. Choir (MOTR PERF 102C). 1 Credit Hour.
A study of advanced choral literature. Emphasis on vocal technique and development. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisite: Audition.

MUS 138. Jazz Improvisation I. 2 Credit Hours.
The study and application of beginning jazz theory and improvisation to the performance of jazz music in a combo setting with little emphasis on concert performance. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: Performance ability, audition, permission to enroll and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 139. Jazz Improvisation II. 2 Credit Hours.
The study and application of intermediate jazz theory and improvisation to the performance of jazz music in a combo setting with greater emphasis on concert performance. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: MUS 138 or equivalent and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 141. Applied Music I. 2 Credit Hours.
Individualized study of instrument or voice.
Prerequisites: Demonstrated proficiency and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 142. Applied Music II. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 141.
Prerequisites: MUS 141 and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 144. African Drum Ensemble. 1 Credit Hour.
Students will learn and perform the dance music of West African countries. Special emphasis will be placed on the hand techniques of the djembe. Students will, however, perform on many other instruments as well, including bells, dununs, and shekeres. Additional hours required.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 150. Fundamentals of Music Technology. 2 Credit Hours.
This course teaches the fundamentals of computer-based music and sound production. Topics covered include the computer operating system, file manipulation, basic MIDI sequencing, basic audio recording, data archiving and CD creation.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 152. Audio Engineering. 3 Credit Hours.
Students will learn how to run a recording session from set-up, to tracking, to tear-down. They will learn the theory of compressors, EQ, delays, reverbs, chorus, and other effects. Microphone design, selection, and placement are emphasized. This course combines theory with practical experience in digital audio.
Prerequisites: MUS 150 and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 153. Drum Machine Programming. 2 Credit Hours.
Students will learn to create drum patterns, beats, and loops using a variety of music software and hardware. Traditional drum instrumentation, experimental techniques, groove settings, and editing in a variety of styles will be explored.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

MUS 154. Music Recording with Pro Tools I. 2 Credit Hours.
In this course students will learn how to use the Pro Tools digital audio workstation to record music. They will learn to use plugin effects, mix automation, and studio hardware. The Audio Engineering class is helpful, but not required.
Prerequisites: MUS 150 and Reading Proficiency.
MUS 201. Music Theory III. 4 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 102. Review of diatonic harmony, Chromatic
harmony, 18th and 19th century practices. Analysis of written and keyboard
harmonization. Development of rhythm, pitch and harmony through sight-
singing and dictation. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: MUS 102 or permission of instructor and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 202. Music Theory IV. 4 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 201. Advanced chromatic harmony, 19th and 20th century
practices. Analysis of written and keyboard harmonization. Development of
rhythm, pitch and harmony through sight-singing and dictation. Additional
studio hours required.
Prerequisites: MUS 201 or permission from instructor and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 211. Music History I. 3 Credit Hours.
The history of music in Western civilization from its origins to the Baroque era.
Emphasis on listening to and analyzing the music with score.
Prerequisites: Ability to read music and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 212. Music History II (MOTR MUSC 104). 3 Credit Hours.
The history of music in Western civilization from the Baroque era to the present.
Emphasis on listening to and analyzing the music with score.
Prerequisites: Ability to read music and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 216. Jazz Improvisation III. 2 Credit Hours.
The study and application of advanced techniques in jazz improvisation in a
combo setting with emphasis on concert performance. This course may be
reelected for additional credit. Additional studio hours required.
Prerequisites: MUS 139 or equivalent and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 221. Class Piano III. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 122.
Prerequisites: MUS 122 or demonstrated proficiency and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 222. Class Piano IV. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 221.
Prerequisites: MUS 221 or demonstrated proficiency and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 241. Applied Music III. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 142.
Prerequisites: MUS 142 and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 242. Applied Music IV. 2 Credit Hours.
Continuation of MUS 241.
Prerequisites: MUS 241 and Reading Proficiency.

MUS 254. Music Recording with Pro Tools II. 2 Credit Hours.
Learn to use the Pro Tools digital audio workstation to record music. The
second semester emphasizes an in-depth study of advanced mixing and
mastering techniques used to complete digitally recorded projects. The Audio
Engineering class is helpful, but not required.
Prerequisites: MUS 154 and Reading Proficiency.