COURSES FOR MUSIC

Music Academics Courses

MUS501 Intro Grad Stdy In Mus
Hours 3
An introduction to the basic bibliographic tools and research techniques in music. Offered fall semester.

MUS502 Film Scoring
Hours 3
A study of the art of scoring music for films. The course will examine aesthetics of film scoring and apply it in this course. Offered fall semester.

MUS503 18th-Century Counterpoint II
Hours 3
The analysis and writing of fugue, variation, ground-bass, and canon.

MUS504 Analysis of Tonal Music
Hours 3
Survey of recent analytical techniques for tonal repertoires with an emphasis on creating close readings of complete pieces.

MUS505 Studio Tech Arrang Orchestrn
Hours 3
This course is an approach to arranging and orchestration in both jazz and commercial settings. The emphasis will be placed on writing for the studio orchestra, MIDI instrumentation, and vocal groups with a focus on the 4- to 6-piece group (jazz and commercial). Offered fall semester.

MUS510 Advanced Arranging
Hours 3
Study of current techniques in arranging, including use of symmetrical scales and chords, pedal points, polytonality and planing techniques. Offered spring semester.

MUS517 Special Topics in Music Composition
SP
Hours 3
Advanced course in music composition; topics may vary according to instructor.

MUS518 Schenkerian Analysis
Hours 3
Study of pitch structure in tonal compositions as revealed by Heinrich Schenker and his followers.
Prerequisite(s): MUS 504

MUS519 Adv Composition I
Hours 3
Creation of large-scale musical compositions. Offered fall and spring semesters and on demand.

MUS520 Adv Composition II
Hours 3
Creation of large-scale musical compositions. Offered fall and spring semesters and on demand.

MUS525 Instrumentation
Hours 3
A survey of instrumental strengths, abilities, and weaknesses. Basic instrumentation and writing for all ensembles and orchestra. This course encourages work that overlaps with other programs of study; particularly composition, performance, audio engineering, and music production.

MUS527 Studies In Special Lit
SP
Hours 3
Materials vary each semester. May be repeated for credit up to four semesters.

MUS528 Orchestration
Hours 3
A survey of instrumental strengths, abilities, and weaknesses. Special emphasis on the art and science of writing for larger ensembles. This course encourages work that overlaps with other programs of study; particularly composition, performance, audio engineering, and music production.
Prerequisite(s): MUS 525

MUS532 Graduate Diction Review
Hours 2
This course is an intensive review of undergraduate diction designed for graduate students who did not perform adequately on the Diction Diagnostic examination at matriculation. A grade of no lower than C must be earned in this course if the student is to satisfy the requirement for mediation.
Prerequisite(s): In order to register for this course, the student must have been accepted into the MM or DMA program in Vocal Performance.
MUSS34 Renaissance Proseminar  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of the music, the composers, the diverse styles, genres, and techniques, the theoretical and aesthetic principles, and the performance practices associated with music of the Renaissance via reading, listening, and musical analysis.

MUSS35 Baroque Proseminar  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of the music, the composers, the diverse styles, genres, and techniques, the theoretical and aesthetic principles, and the performance practices associated with Baroque music via reading, listening, and musical analysis.

MUSS36 Prosem Opera History Lit  
Hours 3  
Survey of operatic styles from the 17th to the 20th centuries via discussion and analysis of selected works.

MUSS37 Analysis of 20th-Century Music  
Hours 3  
Survey of a variety of technical approaches to composition in the 20th century and such organizing techniques as harmony, voice leading, textural design, form, and orchestration.

MUSS39 Special Topics in Lyric Diction  
SP  
Hours 2  
This course is a rotation of special topics in advanced lyric diction designed for graduate students demonstrating basic proficiency in International Phonetic Alphabet usage as applied to lyric diction. 
Prerequisite(s): MUS 532  
Special Topics Course

MUSS45 Graduate Vocal Pedagogy  
Hours 3  
A detailed study of the historical and contemporary methods of pedagogy, and analysis of pedagogical problems.

MUSS50 Prosem Music Classic Era  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of the music, the composers, the diverse styles and techniques, the theoretical and aesthetic principles, and the performance practices associated with music of the pre-classical and classical periods via reading, listening, and musical analysis.

MUSS52 Directed Studies Piano  
Hours 1-3  
Independent research projects in piano pedagogy. Offered each semester.

MUSS53 Prosem Music Romantic Pd  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of the music, the composers, the diverse styles and techniques, the theoretical and aesthetic principles, and the performance practices associated with music of the 19th century via reading, listening, and musical analysis.

MUSS54 Proseminar In Jazz  
Hours 3  
A study of jazz history and performance practices as applied to the performing musician and educator via transcription, analysis and research. Offered spring semester.

MUSS558 Prosem Music 20th Century  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of the music, the composers, the diverse styles and techniques, the theoretical and aesthetic principles, and the performance practices associated with music composed after 1900 via reading, listening, and musical analysis.

MUSS559 Spec Topics Musicology  
SP  
Hours 3  
Advanced study of a selected topic in musicology. Offered on demand. 
Special Topics Course

MUSS561 Hy Wind Band Trad Lit  
Hours 3  
Comprehensive study of band history from the Renaissance to the present, together with a survey of early and traditional wind works of Mozart, Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Holst, Grainger, Poulenc and others. Offered fall semesters and during the first summer terms of even-numbered years.

MUSS563 Projects In Wind Music  
Hours 3  
Survey of rehearsal techniques and studies in wind performance practices and transcription. Offered fall and spring semesters and during the first summer term.

MUSS568 Sem Wind Lit-Chambr Form  
Hours 2  
An analytical survey of the content and performance practices of selected wind ensemble literature for chamber groups.

MUSS571 Choral Literature 1450-1750  
Hours 2  
In-depth survey of choral literature up to 1750. Offered spring semesters of odd-numbered years.

MUSS572 Choral Lit 1750-Present  
Hours 2  
In-depth survey of choral literature since 1750. Offered spring semesters of even-numbered years.

MUSS574 Graduate Vocal Literature I  
Hours 2  
In-depth survey of the performance criteria and historical significance of solo vocal literature of the United States, British Isles, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, and Central/South American. Offered in Alternate years. 
Prerequisite(s): MUS 474 and MUS 475

MUSS577 Adv Organ Literature I  
Hours 3  
A survey of the literature of the organ from the 15th to the 18th centuries. Offered fall semesters of even-numbered years.
MUSS91 Readings in Music History  
SP  
Hours 3  
Readings in Music History.  
Special Topics Course  
MUSS92 Adv Choral Conducting  
Hours 3  
Representative literature from all periods is studied and conducted. Conducting techniques, rehearsal and vocal techniques, diction, performance practice, and score analysis are emphasized. Offered each semester. May be repeated for credit with varied repertoire.  
MUSS94 Adv Instrumental Conduct  
Hours 3  
Baton technique, score reading, analysis, interpretation, rehearsal techniques and instrumental problems in a few selected scores. Offered spring semester.  
MUSS95 Graduate Theory Review  
Hours 3  
This course is a review and recasting of classical concepts, including harmony, counterpoint, and form.  
MUSS96 Comprehensive Examination  
Hours 0  
All master of music students are required to register for this course at the beginning of the semester during which they take the comprehensive examination. A grade will be determined entirely by an assessment of the student's performance on the comprehensive examination and will either be pass or fail. The course may be repeated once and must be passed if the student is to graduate.  
MUSS97 Oral Examination  
Hours 0  
All master of music students are required to register for this course at the beginning of the semester during which they take the oral examination. A grade will be determined entirely by an assessment of the student's performance on the oral examination and will either be pass or fail. The course may be repeated once and must be passed if the student is to graduate.  
MUSS98 Non-Thesis Research  
Hours 1-12  
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MUSS99 Thesis Research  
Hours 1-6  
This independent research course partially fulfills required master's-level research thesis hours toward the master's degree in music. The course is conducted under the guidance of the thesis advisor. Material covered will be of an advanced nature aimed at providing master's students with an understanding of the latest research and current developments within the field. Discussion and advisor guidance will be directed towards readings of research articles and development of research methodology, with the aim of producing an original research contribution that represents a novel development in the field, or a novel perspective on a pre-existing topic in the field.  
MuS619 Adv Composition III  
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MUS620 Adv Composition IV  
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MUS622 Sem Medieval Renaiss Mus  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of a specific topic associated with Medieval and/or Renaissance music. Topic varies.  
MUS625 Seminar Romantic Music  
Hours 3  
MUS626 Sem Twentieth Cent Music  
Hours 3  
An intensive study of a specific topic associated with music written in the 20th century. Topic varies.  
MUS639 Special Topics in Lyric Diction  
SP  
Hours 2  
This course is a rotation of special topics in advanced lyric diction designed for graduate students demonstrating basic proficiency in International Phonetic Alphabet usage as applied to lyric diction.  
Prerequisite(s): MUS 532  
Special Topics Course  
MUS640 Opera Pedagogy and Stage Direction I  
Hours 3  
This two-course sequence is designed for graduate students interested in teaching opera stage craft and in opera stage direction. Opera Pedagogy and Stage Direction I will primarily focus on administration and teaching within an Opera Workshop training and performing program.  
Prerequisite(s): One semester each of MUA 560 (Opera Workshop) and MUA 561 (Opera Production) is required.  
MUS641 Opera Pedagogy and Stage Direction II  
Hours 3  
This two-course sequence is designed for graduate students interested in teaching opera stage craft and in opera stage direction. Opera Pedagogy and Stage Direction II will primarily focus on stage direction and production administration.  
Prerequisite(s): One semester each of MUA 560 and MUA 561 is required.  
MUS642 Vocal Pedagogy  
Hours 3  
An analytical survey of voice teaching with emphasis on practical application. Offered on demand.
MUS643 Brass Wdwind Strg Pedagy
Hours 3
Intended to teach doctoral students how to be successful in applied studio teaching at the collegiate and preparatory level. The focus of the course will be specific relative to the student’s major instrument. Offered each semester.

MUS644 Advanced Vocal Pedagogy II
Hours 3
An advanced study of modern vocal pedagogy with special attention to recent acoustical research and technology, and its practical application in the voice studio.
Prerequisite(s): MUS 545 or MUS 642

MUS650 Wind Conduct Pedagogy
Hours 3
A practical and theoretical study of conducting instruction.

MUS651 Choral Conduct Pedagogy
Hours 3
A practical and theoretical study of conducting instruction.

MUS652 Special Topics Vocal Lit I
SP
Hours 2
In-depth survey of the performance criteria and historical significance of selected repertoire from the solo vocal literature.
Prerequisite(s): MUS 474 and MUS 475

MUS653 Special Topics - Vocal Lit I
SP
Hours 3
Students will acquire a basic working knowledge of standard solo art song by composers from Great Britain and France.

MUS669 Sem in Wind Lit - Large
Hours 2
The Seminar in Wind Literature, Large Forms, focuses on a particular genre, composer or style period within the wind band repertoire. The seminar for Spring 2014 will explore the music of David Maslanka. Mr. Maslanka is considered to be one of the most significant composer of wind music over the later portion of the 20th century to the present. The works to be studied were selected based on: an effort to include a representative sample of Maslanka’s complete catalogue, an effort to include representative types of his works (e.g. concerti, symphonies, etc.), an effort to include the works considered to be most significant, and the works intrinsic value.

MUS674 Topics Choral Literature
SP
Hours 2
A thorough analysis and historical study of the repertoire for the lecture recital. May be repeated for credit.

MUS677 Topics In Organ Lit
SP
Hours 3
In-depth study of the organ literature of a specific period, its content and performance practice related to the organs of the period, and the performance of the literature. Offered each semester. May be repeated for credit if literature varies.

MUS692 Adv Choral Conducting
Hours 3
Advanced conducting techniques, score analysis and preparation, performance practice and interpretation, rehearsal, and vocal techniques and diction.

MUS694 Adv Wind Conducting
Hours 3
Advanced baton technique, score reading, interpretation, rehearsal techniques and instrumental problems in selected scores.

MUS696 Comprehensive Examination
Hours 0
All doctor of musical arts students are required to register for this course at the beginning of the semester during which they take the comprehensive examination. A grade will be determined entirely by an assessment of the student’s performance on the comprehensive examination and will either be pass or fail. The course may be repeated once and must be passed if the student is to graduate.

MUS697 Oral Examination
Hours 0
All doctor of musical arts students are required to register for this course at the beginning of the semester during which they take the oral examination. A grade will be determined entirely by an assessment of the student’s performance on the oral examination and will either be pass or fail. The course may be repeated once and must be passed if the student is to graduate.

MUS698 Non-Dissertatn Research
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MUS699 Document Research
Hours 1-12
This independent research course partially fulfills required doctoral-level research dissertation hours toward the doctoral degree in music. The course is conducted under the guidance of the dissertation advisor. Material covered will be of an advanced nature aimed at providing doctoral students with an understanding of the latest research and current developments within the field. Discussion and advisor guidance will be directed towards readings of research articles and development of research methodology, with the aim of producing an original research contribution that represents a novel development in the field, or a novel perspective on a pre-existing topic in the field.
Applied Music Courses

MUA501 Secondary Applied Study
Hours .5-1
Private instruction.

MUA518 Trumpet Ensemble
Hours 1
Applied performance ensemble for trumpet students at the graduate level.

MUA527 Horn Choir
Hours 1
Applied ensemble for horn students at the graduate level.

MUA528 Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble
Hours 1
Small applied ensembles at the graduate level.

MUA550 Huxford Symphony Orchestra
Hours 1
Applied ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA551 Brass Choir
Hours 1
Applied ensemble for brass musicians. Permission of instructor is required.

MUA552 Wind Ensemble
Hours 1
Applied Ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA554 Symphonic Band
Hours 1
MUA 554 is a listening-focused, processed-oriented ensemble that provides an opportunity for the members to emphasize interactive musical skills in a large ensemble setting. Specifically on the graduate level, students would be interacting with both graduate and undergraduate musicians on current and historic works inside of the wind band repertoire. While promoting the advancement of wind music of artistic and historical significance, it reinforces the musical skills taught in the individual studios and develops the applications of those skills. Graduate students are pushed to embrace individual parts while interacting in a new ensemble setting full of student musicians with similar talents and skills.

MUA555 Trombone Choir
Hours 1
Applied ensemble for trombone students at the graduate level.

MUA556 Percussion Ensemble
Hours 1
Percussion ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA557 Campus Band
Hours 0-1
Applied ensemble at the graduate level open to the entire campus community.

MUA558 Contemporary Ensemble
Hours 1
Applied ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA559 Jazz Ensembles
Hours 1
Applied ensemble in jazz for graduate students.

MUA560 Opera Workshop
Hours 1
Applied ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA561 Opera Production
Hours 1
This course will explore all aspects of opera production, including musical and staging rehearsals, technical elements and stage management and will culminate in a full length production.

MUA562 University Chorus
Hours 1
Applied Ensemble at the Graduate level.

MUA563 University Singers
Hours 1
Applied ensemble at the graduate level.

MUA564 Alabama Chamber Choir
Hours 1
The Alabama Chamber Choir is a mixed choral ensemble primarily conducted by advanced University of Alabama undergraduate choral music education students. Chamber Choir will afford all choristers the opportunity to peruse a broad spectrum of choral ensemble music, most of which will be suitable for programming in a traditional public school choral music setting. While experiencing breadth of repertoire will be a key philosophical component of Chamber Choir, high quality choral performance will drive the methodology. In that regard, student directors, through collaboration with the instructor, will prepare and conduct one selection in an authentic performance setting.

MUA565 Flute Choir
Hours 1
Applied ensemble for flute students at the graduate level.

MUA567 Jazz Combo
Hours 1
No description available

MUA568 Treble Chorus
Hours 1
Applied Ensemble at the Graduate level.

MUA569 Chamber Music
Hours 1
Small applied ensembles at the graduate level.

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MUA571 Piano
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