

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Programs

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Courses

NOTE:

For all **ensembles** (courses numbered from APMS 2171 to APMS 2187): Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit.

For all **lessons** and **composition** coursework (courses numbered from APMS 2210 to 2228; and courses numbered from APMS 3210 and 3214):

- B.F.A. students are permitted to earn 18 credits total in lessons or composition coursework toward their degree including 4 2000-levels (2 credits each), 2 3000-levels (2 credits each), and 2 4000-levels (3 credits each). All other students are permitted to earn 16 credits total in lessons or composition coursework including 4 2000-levels (2 credits each) and 4 3000-levels (2 credits each).
- All others (including B.A. students and non-majors) are permitted to take any given type of lesson or composition coursework up to 4 times at the 2000-level (2 credits each), and 4 times at the 3000-level (2 credits each).

Music- Applied (APMS)

APMS 1090 Musicianship Lab I (1)

Basic musicianship laboratory.

Corequisite(s): MUSC 1510.

APMS 1100 Musicianship Lab II (1)

Intermediate musicianship laboratory.

Corequisite(s): MUSC 1520.

APMS 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Can be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 1940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Departmental approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2030 Band & Orchestral Instru (1)**APMS 2040 Band & Orchestral Instru (1)****APMS 2090 Musicianship Lab III (1)**

Advanced musicianship laboratory.

Prerequisite(s): APMS 1100.

Corequisite(s): MUSC 2010.

APMS 2100 Musicianship Lab IV (1)

Writing and aural skills based on 20th century melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic principles.

Prerequisite(s): APMS 1100.

Corequisite(s): MUSC 2020.

APMS 2171 Vocal Ensemble (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2172 Men's Chorus (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2173 Instrumental Ensemble (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2174 Tulane-Newcomb Choir (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2181 Percussion Ensemble (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2182 Concert Band (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2183 Marching Band (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2184 Big Jazz Band (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2185 Jazz Combo (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2186 Orchestra (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2187 Musical Theatre Workshop (1)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition), as indicated. Students are permitted to earn 8 credits total toward their undergraduate degree in ensemble credit in APMS 2171-2187.

Course Limit: 8

APMS 2210 Voice/Vocal Jazz (2)

One 50-minute private lesson per week (2 credits). Students assigned to guitar, piano or voice meet for two 50-minute classes each week (2 credits); all beginners must start with a class. Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2211 Voice Class I (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2212 Voice Class II (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2213 Voice/Vocal Jazz (2)

One 50-minute private lesson per week (2 credits). Students assigned to guitar, piano or voice meet for two 50-minute classes each week (2 credits); all beginners must start with a class. Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2214 Voice/Vocal Jazz (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2218 Composition (2)

One 50-minute private lesson per week (2 credits). Students assigned to guitar, piano or voice meet for two 50-minute classes each week (2 credits); all beginners must start with a class. Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2220 Instrument (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2221 Piano/ Jazz Piano (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2222 Piano Class (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2223 Piano Class II (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2225 Guitar (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2226 Guitar Class I (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2227 Guitar Class 1-A (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2228 Drums (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2230 Composition for Electronic Media I (2)

Students in Composition for Electronic Media work closely with the instructor to develop facility with compositional tools available in commercial Digital Audio Workstations. Students first pursue short composition assignments focused on the use of samples, virtual instruments, digital audio effects, and basic recording techniques. After a level of proficiency has been achieved students undertake a larger scale project to be presented on an end of semester concert.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 2320 Music Recording Techniques I (3)

This is an applied music course. It includes an in-depth study of the techniques and methods used to produce small-scale, home studio, and mobile studio recordings. Special emphasis is placed on recording methods and microphone techniques for music recording that translate between modern recording studio environments and home studios and live music recording situations.

Maximum Hours: 6

APMS 2390 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Can be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2810 Special Topics (0-4)

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2891 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2893 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 2940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 3020 Counterpoint (18th Cen) (3)

Eighteenth-century counterpoint. Principles of canonic and fugal composition in the style of J.S. Bach. Analysis of pertinent compositions. Sight singing and dictation.

Prerequisite(s): APMS 1520.

APMS 3130 Tech of Instru Conduct (1)

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1520 and 2020.

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APMS 3140 Tech of Instru Conduct (1)**APMS 3210 Voice/Vocal Jazz (2)**

One 50-minute lesson per week at the intermediate level culminating in half recital. Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3211 Instrument (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3212 Piano.Jazz Piano (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3213 Composition (2)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the intermediate level culminating in half recital. Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3214 Voice/Vocal Jazz (2)

Course may be repeated 4 times for credit.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3230 Composition for Electronic Media II (2)

Students in Composition for Electronic Media II work closely with the instructor first on advanced audio composition assignments utilizing Digital Audio Workstations and Computer Programming languages to place and manipulate audio samples, midi note information, and effects parameter automation. Topics are chosen based on student and faculty interests and can include Algorithmic Composition, Surround Sound, Interactive Composition, Electro-acoustic Composition, Musique Concrete, and Advanced Sound Synthesis.

Course Limit: 4

APMS 3330 Music For Film (3)

This course provides both critical analysis of music and sound for film as well as practical approaches to the medium. Students will complete several music for film projects, such as scoring original music for a scene from a silent film.

APMS 3340 The Creative Soundscape (3)

This course introduces students to approaches of art and research that consider environmental sound. Students will learn technical skills, develop compositional processes, and engage with theoretical perspectives to inform the generation of original creative works, ranging from composed and improvised musical pieces to podcast episodes and radio dramas. Topics covered will include frameworks for environmental acoustics including ontologies of sound; listening practices; field recording; microphone technique; compositional strategies; audio editing and creative audio processing; spectral analysis; sonification; and more.

APMS 3400 The Story Road Project (3,4)

In this course, students will prepare, perform and tour a work of music theatre to area schools and civic organizations. The participants will not only perform, but also create educational materials to accompany the production, take on marketing responsibilities, and act as moderators with the audience members following the performances. This course fulfills the first or second tier service learning requirement. There is no prerequisite for the course, but instructor permission is needed for registration.

Corequisite(s): APMS 3891.

APMS 3450 Music & Musicians in Community (1)

Music service learning students will gain firsthand knowledge of how emerging musicians can serve and create music in the New Orleans community - creating musical programs, cultural events, or major service projects for the Bishop Perry Center, and by learning how to prepare and work in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit's church music setting. (This a 1 credit course, with an additional 1 credit service learning component).

APMS 3500 Improvisation (2)

Students will work with instructors individually and in small groups to develop the ability to logically respond to the harmonic, melodic, rhythmic, and formal implications inherent in specific types of musical material. Students will also examine compositional techniques characteristic of Black American Music. This course may be repeated 3 times for credit.

Course Limit: 3

APMS 3510 Jazz Arrangements (3)

Students will work with the instructors individually and in small groups to develop the ability to understand the challenges involved in the process of creating jazz arrangements. Student will focus on the concepts of music notation characteristic of the jazz idiom and on the idiomatic writing for instruments. They will also examine the sound characteristics of individual instruments, the mixtures, and the crucial issues of balance within the ensembles.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 3810 Special Topics (0-4)

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 3890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 3891 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 4030 Advanced Analysis (3)**APMS 4040 Orchestration (3)**

The instruments of the orchestra; their construction, ranges, and playing techniques; methods of effective instrumental writing; the mechanics of reading and writing a score. Written exercises, analysis of scores, study of recorded performances and live demonstrations.

APMS 4230 Adv Voice/Recital Prep (3)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level. This course may be repeated 2 times for credit.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 4231 Adv Instrument/ Recital Prep (3)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level. This course may be repeated 2 times for credit.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 4232 Adv Piano/Recital Prep (3)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level. This course may be repeated 1 time for credit.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 4233 Adv Composition/Recital Prep (3,4)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level. This course may be repeated 2 times for credit.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 4234 Adv Voice/Recital Prep (3)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level. This course may be repeated 2 times for credit.

Course Limit: 2

APMS 4250 TU Opera Workshop Prod & Desig (1-2)

The purpose of this Opera Workshop Production and Design is to provide opportunities for growth in the area of operatic repertoire, role preparation, operatic scenic/costume design, and compelling performance, direction, or design for the stage. The course will focus on the study and performance of operatic literature from traditional, contemporary, and diverse cultural sources. Admission is BY AUDITION in the semester prior to the opera. The course is open to music majors and non-music majors from across the University. Course may be repeated 6 times for credit.

Course Limit: 6

APMS 4300 Adv Comp/ Sr. Recital (3,4)

One 50-minute lesson per week at the advanced level culminating in a senior recital.

APMS 4500 Materials Pedagogy Piano (3)**APMS 4810 Special Topics (0-4)**

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 4890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 4910 Lect Rec Prep/Lect Rec (2)

This course is offered to transfer students or students going abroad, who will have missed one of their required 8 courses in private lessons necessary for the BFA in the track of Performance. It takes the place of ONE of the pre-senior year lessons courses.

APMS 4940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer coursework at the 4000 level. Departmental approval required.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 4950 Spec Top In Music Theory (3)

Ensemble courses are open, for credit, to all students of the University. Some are by instructor approval (audition)

APMS 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 5370 Washington Semester (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 5940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer coursework at the 5000 level. Departmental approval required.

Maximum Hours: 99

APMS 6810 Special Topics (0-4)**Maximum Hours:** 99**APMS 6900 Summer Lyric Theatre (1)**

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99**APMS 6920 Summer Lyric Theatre (2)****APMS 6940 Summer Lyric Theatre (3)****APMS 7250 TU Opera Workshop Prod & Desig (3)**

The purpose of this Opera Workshop Production and Design is to provide opportunities for growth in the area of operatic repertoire, role preparation, operatic scenic/costume design, and compelling performance, direction, or design for the stage. The course will focus on the study and performance of operatic literature from traditional, contemporary, and diverse cultural sources. Admission is BY AUDITION in the semester prior to the opera. The course is open to music majors and non-music majors from across the University. Course may be repeated 6 times for credit.

Course Limit: 6**APMS 7510 Applied Music (3)****APMS 7520 Applied Music (3)****APMS 7530 Applied Music (3)****APMS 7540 Applied Music (3)****APMS 7810 Applied Music Special Topics (1-3)**

Applied Music Special Topics for Graduate Students

Maximum Hours: 99

Music (MUSC)

MUSC 1000 Fundamentals of Theory (3)

Basic course in the elements of music. Both semesters.

MUSC 1010 Adv Fund Theory Songwrt (3)

The focus of this course involves writing songs and acquiring basic skills in arranging.

MUSC 1030 Music at Midday (3)

A music appreciation class focused on examining, evaluating, and understanding the musical compositions and performances of classical, jazz, electronic and world music presented at the Music Department's Music at Midday concert series, interspersed with readings and discussions of writings on music performance philosophy.

MUSC 1050 The Art of Listening (3)

A course designed to increase the listener's perception and enjoyment of music employing masterworks of the European classical tradition.

MUSC 1060 Survey of Euro Art Music (3)

A chronological survey of masterworks of the European classical tradition.

MUSC 1080 Music of the Mexico-US Border (3)

The Mexico-U.S. border has historically been a site of contention. Walls and policing try to keep the two sides separate and to make the U.S. impenetrable. But sound has different boundaries and is hard to contain. Moreover, for large groups of people, the border is a way of life where the categories "Mexican" and "American" have fluid meaning. This course examines musical recordings and performances from a transnational perspective, pointing at the limits of the nation-state and of the category of "Hispanic" to understand and embrace border populations and their musics.

MUSC 1090 Intro To Popular Music (3)**MUSC 1190 Freshmen Writing Seminar (4)****MUSC 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20)**

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 1410 Hist Euro Music To 1800 (3)

Primarily for music majors and minors.

MUSC 1420 Hist European Music Since 1800 (3)

Primarily for music majors and minors.

MUSC 1510 Music Theory I (3)

Note: A basic understanding of the rules of tonal melody and chord construction is required. If remedial work is required, sign up for MUSC 1000 (Fundamentals). Harmony is the study of "simultaneous sounds (chords) and of how they may be joined with respect to their architectonic, melodic, and rhythmic values and their significance, their weight relative to one another." Music Theory I is essentially the study of diatonic and secondary chord structures and progressions with written exercises and analysis of music from the common practice period. First, an emphasis will be placed on chord construction, four-part writing, and voice leading, building on the relationship between counterpoint and harmony and the fundamental harmonic rules of the common practice period. Furthermore, throughout the semester, basic elements of the form of tonal music will be addressed so that the students will be able to see how these fundamental principles function within the context of a piece of music. During the semester there will be in-class and homework harmonization and analysis assignments, quizzes, a midterm exam, and to end the semester a final take-home exam project. At the end of the semester you will hand in a 3-ring binder containing a portfolio of all of your work for the semester.

Corequisite(s): APMS 1090.

MUSC 1520 Music Theory II (3)

Theory II picks up where Theory I (MUSC-1510) left off, delving into the use of chromaticism in the common practice period. As a continuation of MUSC-1510, this class begins with the exploration of secondary harmonic functions. The course continues from that point into a detailed study of the different modulatory techniques, mode mixture, and the use of other chromatic chords. After a look at tonal harmony in the late Nineteenth Century, this class shifts focus to the study of form and analysis in preparation for the following course in the sequence, MUSC-2010, Analysis I.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1510.

Corequisite(s): APMS 1100.

MUSC 1530 Black American Music Theory (3)

This course will be an intense study of Black American Music theory. There will be emphasis on the application of rhythm, melody, and harmony. The course is designed for music majors and minors as well as for non-majors who have a firm grasp of music fundamentals.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1000.

MUSC 1531 Composition & Arranging (3)

In this course, we will explore approaches to musical composition and the fundamentals of arranging, including the range, transposition, idiomatic techniques of instruments, and styles of ensemble arranging. Our primary text is Richard Sussman and Michael Abene's Jazz Composition and Arranging in the Digital Age, and a recommended text is Samuel Adler's The Study of Orchestration, 3rd Edition or any comparable orchestration book. Additional score excerpts and recordings will be supplied. Through written arrangement exercises and class discussion, we will practice the basic skills of composition and arranging that can be applied to your own music projects. Completion of MUSC 1530 is suggested.

MUSC 1650 History West Art Music (3)**MUSC 1810 Special Topics (3)**

Special Topics in Music; title and topic varies by semester.

MUSC 1890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 1900 Music in New Orleans (3)

This course is intended as an introductory survey of New Orleans music, including jazz, brass band, Mardi Gras Indian, rhythm and blues, funk, and hip-hop, through an intensive exposure to existing research, field trips, and occasional visits from local researchers and musicians. Musical socialization—the role of young people in extending the city’s musical traditions—will be a running theme throughout the course and will connect the course materials to the optional service learning project.

MUSC 1901 Sound Studies (3)

Sound is one of the five senses and a primary way we relate to one another and to the world. Speech distinguishes humans from other animals; we locate ourselves in spaces through echo; we feel sound in our bodies and vibrate sympathetically; we capture sound waves on vinyl or as binary codes. In this introduction to the field of sound studies, we will take up familiar topics like voice and listening, music and technology, and unpack them through readings from leading scholars. We will listen intently to speech and song, silence and noise. And we will dive into case studies that focus on people and places in the United States.

MUSC 1940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 2010 Music Analysis I (3)

Analysis, or Form, is the study of the “disposition [of the material] for the construction and development of musical ideas.”¹ This course is essentially an in-depth study of harmonic, melodic, contrapuntal, rhythmic, and formal procedures in works selected from a vast array of time periods and musical styles: the Baroque through the Romantic periods that are representative of the common-practice tonal system. This course will incorporate review of harmony & voice-leading principles, the fundamental elements of phrase design, further aspects of phrase design, and important formal constructs of tonal music.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1520.

Corequisite(s): APMS 2090.

MUSC 2016 Music, Sound and Climate Change (3)

This course explores the relation between music, sound and climate change. We do an overview of the field of acoustic ecology and explore key terms such as ambient music, soundscape, keytones and soundwalks, environmental sound art, among others. We look at issues of sound pollution and the sonic relations between humans and non-humans across different cultures, especially environmental racism and the relation between climate change, music and the colonial. We explore these issues through specific audiovisual and sonic materials.

MUSC 2020 Music Analysis II (3)

MUSC-2020, Music Analysis II, covers music from the end of the 19th & beginning of the 20th century, including Debussy, Stravinsky, Schoenberg, and Boulez, to the composers of today, including composers like Saariaho, Furrer, Czernowin, and Fure. In this class, selected compositions that represent significant developments in composition in the 20th and 21st Centuries will be studied to give you a clear representation of the many styles of composition that have grown out of these centuries. As we move through the 20th and 21st Centuries, we will also look at other musics that arose and influenced or were influenced by the composers of the classical world, as well as some music that may not have any connection but is valuable to understanding music of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1520.

Corequisite(s): APMS 2100.

MUSC 2050 Orchestral Music (3)

The development of music for orchestra from Bach to Mahler. Listening, reading, and written reports.

MUSC 2170 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 2290 Hist Amer Popular Music (3)

This is a survey history of American popular music from pre-Civil War Minstrelsy to MTV. The course is intended for the general student body, with no musical prerequisites required. Lectures integrate an in-depth discussion of the music itself, generously illustrated by recordings, with a solid presentation of the music’s historical and cultural context. Major topics include the multicultural roots of American popular musics, the parallel development of four separate streams of popular music (an urban mainstream and three rural sub streams), the increasing tendency of these separate streams to interact to create new popular styles, and the function of the music industry in the dissemination of popular musical styles.

MUSC 2300 Computer Apps In Music (3)

An introduction to the critical role of computers in the music field today. As a survey of computer tools and techniques, this course will include applied work with notation, MIDI, digital sound-editing and multi-media software.

MUSC 2310 Electronic Music History (3)

This course will involve an examination of the electronic music repertoire with a focus on both the music and technology. We will learn about the history of electronic music through philosophies, aesthetics, and technologies that have been and are being used today.

MUSC 2390 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 2410 American Music (3)

A chronological survey of music in the United States from the Pilgrims to jazz and rock. The course traces the widely varied paths taken by music in America and shows how the three spheres of folk, popular, and classical music have continually interacted to form a variegated whole. Lectures move from genre to genre, placing each in its historical and sociological order.

MUSC 2420 World Musics (3)

An overview of the field of ethnomusicology and the types of issues and concerns that have guided the research of world music within that field. A number of selected musical case studies from Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas that illuminate the differences and similarities between Western musics and their counterparts in other parts of the world. Particular interest will be given to the way in which cultural, social, and religious beliefs have informed stylistic, performance practice, and aesthetic development in other parts of the world as a means of reflecting about the same types of connections in Western music.

MUSC 2450 Intro To Opera (3)

Course includes lectures concerning the nature of opera and also a historical outline of the development of opera in Europe. Emphasis is then placed on viewing a number of complete operas, which will be screened on laser discs.

MUSC 2800 Intro To Music Business (3)

This course prepares students for operational and administrative as well as creative and technical positions within the music and entertainment industry.

MUSC 2890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 2910 Special Topics (3)

Course Limit: 99

MUSC 2940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 2000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 3300 Music Cultures of World (3)

A survey of music in different societies throughout the world with assignments and readings in music other than Western art music. The lectures explain how to listen to this music and consider systematically the function of music in societies ranging from Australian Aborigines, to Indian classical musicians, to urban popular music in Latin America.

MUSC 3310 Topics: Musics Latin Amr (3)

This course will provide a survey of Latin American music and culture. The content of the course will change on a rotating basis each fall term. Topics include: Caribbean; Andean Countries; Mexico and Central America. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 3320 Musical Theatre In Amer (3)

A survey of vernacular theatre music in America from its European roots in opera buffa, ballad opera, and operetta through the jazz and rock developments of the sixties.

MUSC 3330 Jewish Music (3)

Survey of Jewish liturgical music from Biblical times to the present, and of Jewish popular, theatre, and folk music. Emphasis on European, Israeli, Sephardic, and American traditions.

MUSC 3340 History of Jazz (3,4)

Development of jazz as a cultural, sociological phenomenon, and survey of jazz styles.

MUSC 3350 Music In Contem Society (3)

An introduction to the music of the contemporary world as it interacts with social, political, and cultural processes that distinguish the 20th century. Examines the full spectrum of modern musical styles (classical, jazz, popular, folk, rock) as they have adapted to the mass communications technology of the present day.

MUSC 3360 The Latin Tinge: Jazz and Latin American Music in New Orleans and Beyond (3,4)

This course explores the relationship of African-American popular music and Latin American popular music, with a special focus on how New Orleans is a key site mediating these musical mixtures. It compares U.S. popular styles with styles from other countries in the hemisphere.

MUSC 3370 Studies in Great Composers (3)

The music of three influential composers is studied in depth against the background of their careers and times. The composers selected will change each term; contact the instructor or department for more information. Student must have ability to read, analyze, and discuss musical notation in order to be successful in the course.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1410*, 1420* and 2010*.

* May be taken concurrently.

MUSC 3390 World Vocal Traditions (3)

This course is an ethnomusicological exploration of selected vocal traditions from around the world. Anchored around three sets of guest lectures and live performances by Tuvan throat singers, a Persian Jewish singer, and a singer of Afro-Cuban religious music, the course will examine both the musical sounds that voices can produce, and the ways in which these voices are woven into the cultures from which they emerge.

MUSC 3410 Russian Music (3)

The history of 19th- and 20th-century Russian music with special emphasis on Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich.

MUSC 3421 Women Die in Opera (3-4)

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MUSC 3430 Blues In American Life (3)

The blues, as both a musical form and a state of being, is the primary layer of African American culture. This course considers how the blues permeates American life, through the music of work songs, rural blues, classic blues, jazz, rhythm and blues, cowboy and rock n roll.

MUSC 3440 Black Music, Black Lives (3,4)

Black music is celebrated as the signature artistic contribution America has given to the world. Music has been a source of power for people subject to enslavement, legal segregation, and an ongoing struggle for political citizenship and economic equity. This course highlights the agency of black musicians and the political significance of the music they have created, from slave songs to hip-hop. This is a social and cultural history, and no musical training is required for understanding course materials.

MUSC 3441 Black Music Lab (1)

This lab is for music majors, minors, or any other performing musicians who are enrolled in MUSC-3440 "Black Music, Black Lives." Students will discuss and perform the musical aspects of the material covered in that course. The two courses should be taken concurrently.

Corequisite(s): MUSC 3440.

Course Limit: 1

MUSC 3450 Music & Politics (3)

Though often considered apart from social and political trends, music is central to thought and action in the public sphere. Whether in protest marches or in dance clubs, music challenges the belief that public opinion is expressed solely through language. We will concentrate on conflicts across lines of social identity: race, ethnicity, gender/sex, religion, and nationality. We will focus especially on racism against Black Americans in the U.S., anti-Semitism against Jews in Nazi Germany, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The course is open to all undergraduate students.

MUSC 3460 Music, Religion, Spirit (3,4)

Music forms vital part of ritual for most religions around the world. In performing and listening to music, religious affiliates seek connection with the supernatural, foster community ties, and create tradition bridging past, present, and future. Furthermore, music gives religious groups visibility in the broader society, whether in live or recorded performance. This course explores the traditional musical practices of the three major monotheistic religions -Judaism, Christianity, Islam -followed by one unit on Indian religions, and one unit about of selected spiritual practices inherited from Africa currently practiced in the Americas, including voodoo, candomble, and Santeria. We will also critically look at historical and current social perceptions reacting to these musical practices and to their practitioners. This is a cultural history class; no musical training is required.

MUSC 3480 Music and Gender (3,4)

In this course, we'll explore the relationship between gender and music in the West over the past 450 years. How have shifting rules and boundaries of gender identity interacted with similarly shifting rules and boundaries about beauty, function, and construction of music? In what ways has music helped to represent and/or define gender in culture? Further, how do gender identities intersect with other categories of social and cultural identity such as race, ethnicity, and class? This course will use a variety of case studies from popular and art music to explore the relationships between musical practice and gender identification, including: the courtesans and castrati of Baroque opera; Glam Rock; Clara Schumann, jazz singers; and Elvis Presley. Course open to both music majors and non-majors.

MUSC 3700 Contemporary Music Industry (3)**MUSC 3890 Service Learning (0-1)**

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 3940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer Coursework at the 3000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4110 Chamber Music (3)**MUSC 4270 Indigenous media and sound in Latin America (3)**

This course explores how indigenous musics and sounds have been inscribed into ethnographic media. We explore how the notion of indigenous musics arose in the late nineteenth century based on how it was collected and inscribed on specific sound and audiovisual formats, creating a racialized and colonial notion of indigenous musics. Then we explore how indigenous peoples themselves, often in collaborative processes, are decolonizing and appropriating such histories by rethinking the early archives or documenting their own musics and sounds in new ways. In so doing, they challenge Western notions of musicality, of media inscription, of racialized histories of music, and how human and non-human sounds are understood. Graduate students: some readings in Spanish.

MUSC 4330 Music of the Latin American Outlaws (3,4)

Music sounds loud and clear at the edge of law. From bandits to illegal immigrants, from underdogs to drug dealers, people who subscribe to their own rules reach out to our ears through song and dance. Their stories and sounds both fascinate and scare audiences well beyond their immediate surroundings, making their way to mass media and live events big and small. In this class, we will focus on Spanish-and Portuguese-speaking regions in the Americas, and our point of entry will be the music produced by and for groups or individuals who live(d) at the margin of law in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Your study time will be equally divided between learning and practicing aural skills and musical terminology, and critically reading texts of historical significance. In the long term, I hope that this course helps you look at any outlaw groups in new, more informed ways. I invite you to let the musics we will study challenge our preconceptions about Latin American cultures.

MUSC 4400 Music & Dsp (3)

This course introduces the student to the breadth and depth of signal processing used in musical applications. The course will cover fundamentals of signal processing and familiarize the student with classic computer music theories as well as state-of-the-art topics for sound synthesis, analysis, and computer music composition. Students work mostly in a graphical coding language for audiovisual applications called Pure Data. No prior coding experience is required although experience with Matlab, Python or other languages translates well. Pure Data is an excellent coding language for students interested in both creative applications and science and engineering projects.

MUSC 4410 Music Performance System (3)

This Human Computer Interaction (HCI) course focuses on creative and innovative applications of engineering and design in the context of musical performance and composition. Students learn about the history of technology as it relates to musical instrument design and music composition as they design their own custom instruments, synthesizers, and controllers.

MUSC 4420 Algorithmic & Comp Music (3)

This course will be an exploration of computer music composition using various available techniques and state-of-the-art tools. This will be a hands-on course with compositional exercises and projects, working in our digital studio, and producing a concert at the end of the term.

MUSC 4440 Music Performance Systems (3)**MUSC 4560 Internship (1,3)**

Qualified junior and senior majors may receive credit for work in musical institutions in the community, such as recording studios, the New Orleans Opera Association, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, and the like; this is to be accompanied by an academic component. Registration is administered by the Office Manager in the Department of Music, Brandt v. B. Dixon Performing Arts Center, Room 10. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4570 Internship (1,3)

Qualified junior and senior majors may receive credit for work in musical institutions in the community, such as recording studios, the New Orleans Opera Association, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, and the like; this is to be accompanied by an academic component. Registration is administered by the Office Manager in the Department of Music, Brandt v. B. Dixon Performing Arts Center, Room 10. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4890 Service Learning (0-1)

Students complete a service activity in the community in conjunction with the content of a three-credit co-requisite course. Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4900 Intro New Orleans Jazz (3)

This course is designed to provide an historical introduction to the origins, idiomatic coalescence, and early development of New Orleans jazz.

MUSC 4910 Independent Study (1-4)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4920 Independent Study (1-3)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4930 Seminar (3)**MUSC 4940 Seminar (3)**

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4950 Spec Topic In Musicology (1-4)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 4951 Special Topics in Musicology (1-4)**MUSC 4952 Special Topics (1-4)**

Course Limit: 99

MUSC 4953 Special Topics (1,4)

This class provides an overview of the benefits of music education in the lives of young people. We will consider the influence of teachers in the development of professional musicians as well as the value of teamwork, leadership, and discipline imparted to all students. Focusing on marching bands in New Orleans, we will visit school bandrooms, attend a high school football game, and host visits from music educators. Students will get a birds-eye view of the fate of music education while researching the effects of increasing cutbacks in arts education.

MUSC 4954 Special Topics in Musicology (1-4)**MUSC 4955 Spec Topic In Musicology (1-4)****MUSC 4956 Spec Topic In Musicology (1-4)****MUSC 4990 Honors Thesis (3)****MUSC 4991 Senior Honors Project in Fine Arts (3)**

Senior Honors Project in Fine Arts

MUSC 5000 Honors Thesis (3-4)

For especially qualified seniors with approval of the faculty director and the Office of Academic Enrichment. Students must have a minimum of a 3.400 overall grade-point average and a 3.500 grade-point average in the major.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 4990.

MUSC 5001 Senior Honors Project in Fine Arts (3)

Senior Honors Project in Fine Arts

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 4991.

MUSC 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 5370 Washington Semester (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 5390 Junior Year Abroad (0-20)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 5940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)

Transfer coursework at the 5000 level. Departmental approval required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 6010 Advanced Theory (3)

MUSC 6020 Advanced Theory (3)

MUSC 6030 Band Instrum & Arranging (3)

MUSC 6050 Analytical Methodology (3)

MUSC 6060 Culture & Power in New Orleans (3)

New Orleans is renowned for culture and it has been Black New Orleanians, above all, whose creativity has shaped the city's musical, culinary, architectural, and religious identity. This course places culture at the center of struggles for full citizenship by African Americans and Creoles of Color as well as Italians, Jews, Latinos, and Vietnamese. Under colonial, antebellum, and Jim Crow rule, culture was a source of power in terms of fomenting an ethics of care and a politics of rebellion against white supremacy. Since the Civil Rights era, culture has increasingly been incorporated into the tourist economy. This added value has trickled down unevenly, with Black culture workers most exploited and subject to surveillance, enclosure, and extraction. This course will investigate the deep history of local culture as a contested source of value, drawing upon historical, anthropological, and cultural studies of Blackness and whiteness in New Orleans.

MUSC 6090 Music Before 1600 (3)

MUSC 6100 17th & 18th Century Music (3)

MUSC 6110 Chamber Music (3)

MUSC 6120 17th & 18th Cen Sem (3)

MUSC 6130 Opera (3)

MUSC 6140 Symphonic Literature (3)

MUSC 6150 Music of 19th Century (3)

MUSC 6160 20th Century Music (3)

MUSC 6190 Symphonic Literature (3)

MUSC 6200 Opera (3)

MUSC 6201 Women Die in Opera (3)

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MUSC 6210 Chamber Music (3)

MUSC 6230 Keyboard Lit 1600-1750 (3)

MUSC 6240 Keyboard Lit 1750-1970 (3)

MUSC 6250 The German Lied (3)

MUSC 6260 The French Art Song (3)

MUSC 6270 Indigenous Media and Sound in Latin America (3)

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MUSC 6310 History/Music In The US (3)

MUSC 6320 Musical Theatre In Ameri (3)

MUSC 6330 Music of the Latin American Outlaws (3)

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MUSC 6340 Seminar In Jazz (3)

MUSC 6350 Music and Gender (3)

MUSC 6370 Mus In Contemporary Soc (3)

MUSC 6400 Music & Dsp (3)

See MUSC 4400 for course description.

MUSC 6410 Music Performance System (3)

See MUSC 4410 for course description.

MUSC 6420 Algorithmic & Comp Music (3)

See MUSC 4420 for course description.

MUSC 6430 The Creative Soundscape (3)

This course introduces students to approaches of art and research that consider environmental sound. Students will learn technical skills, develop compositional processes, and engage with theoretical perspectives to inform the generation of original creative works, ranging from composed and improvised musical pieces to podcast episodes and radio dramas. Topics covered will include frameworks for environmental acoustics including ontologies of sound; listening practices; field recording; microphone technique; compositional strategies; audio editing and creative audio processing; spectral analysis; sonification; and more.

MUSC 6440 Music Performance Systms (3)

MUSC 6480 Music and Gender (3)

MUSC 6600 Theory of American Music (3)

MUSC 6610 Analysis of American Mus (3)

MUSC 6700 Creative Process (3)

In this course, we will together explore different topics as they relate to the creative process, with a focus on improvisation, collaboration, and communication. Our primary text will come from The Oxford Handbook of Critical Improvisation Studies, Volumes 1 & 2, edited by George E. Lewis & Benjamin Piekut, with additional text from Keywords in Sound, edited by David Novak & Matt Sakakeeny, and other texts, recordings, and videos that will be supplied on Canvas. The goals of this class are to explore a range of perspectives on the creative process through class material and from the range of perspectives offered by visiting guest speakers, and to form ideas for creative projects of your own.

MUSC 6840 Special Topics (1-6)

Graduate level special topics course.

Course Limit: 99

MUSC 6900 Summer Lyric Theatre (2-6)

MUSC 6930 Independent Study (1-3)

MUSC 6940 Special Topics (3)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 6941 Special Topics (3)

MUSC 6942 Special Topics (3)

MUSC 6943 Special Topics (3)

MUSC 7010 Advanced Composition (3)

MUSC 7020 Advanced Composition (3)

MUSC 7030 Intro To Graduate Study (3,4)

MUSC 7040 Seminar Musical Analysis (3)

MUSC 7050 History of Theory (3)

MUSC 7060 Musical Cultures - New Orleans (3)

New Orleans is an American city with a unique history as a European colony, a hub for the slave trade, and a destination for immigrants from Europe and the Americas. The city celebrated musical traditions have been created by a diverse mix of people and shaped by their interactions in the shared spaces of the city. This course is intended as a comprehensive overview of New Orleans music, including jazz, brass band, Mardi Gras Indian, rhythm and blues, funk, and hip-hop, through an intensive exposure to existing research and visits from local researchers and musicians. No musical training is required for understanding course materials.

MUSC 7080 Jazz Transcription (3)

MUSC 7400 Musical Timbre (3)

MUSC 7420 Directed Research (1-4)

MUSC 7430 Electroacoustic Mus Anal (3)

MUSC 7440 Electroacoustic Mus Comp (3)

MUSC 7770 Graduate Computer Music Workshop (3)

Students in Graduate Computer Music Workshop choose research or creative topics in consultation with the faculty and engage in personalized semester long study of these topics resulting in the presentation of creative work on end of semester concerts and submission to relevant festivals and conferences. Topics typically include Large Scale Electronic Media Composition, Acousmatic Music, Custom Instrument Design, Electronic Music Performance Techniques, Algorithmic Composition, Surround Sound, Interactive Composition, Electro-acoustic Composition, Musique Concrete, and Advanced Sound Synthesis.

Course Limit: 4

MUSC 7930 Independent Study (3)

MUSC 7940 Special Project (3)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 9980 Master's Research (0)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 9990 Dissertation Research (0)

Course may be repeated up to unlimited credit hours.

Maximum Hours: 99