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 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 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  Harmony  (3)
The study of diatonic and secondary chord structures and progressions with written exercises and analysis of music from the common practice period. Basic musicianship laboratory. Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1000. Corequisite(s): APMS 1090.

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MUSC 1520  Advanced Harmony  (3)
Chromatic harmony and modulation, written exercises using expanded harmonic vocabulary. Formal analysis of classic period works. Advanced musicianship laboratory. Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1510. Corequisite(s): APMS 1100.

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MUSC 1530  Jazz Theory  (3)
This course will be an intense study of jazz harmony and its application. 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.

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MUSC 1650  History West Art Music  (3)

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 Unites States.

MUSC 1940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)
Transfer Coursework at the 1000 level. Department approval may be required.

Maximum Hours: 99

MUSC 1520 Tonal Analysis: 18/19th C (3)
An in-depth study of harmonic, contrapuntal, rhythmic, and formal procedures in representative works selected from the Baroque through the Romantic periods. Expanding and applying analytical skills learned in 1510 and 1520 to entire compositions. Corequisite(s): APMS 2090.

Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1520.
Corequisite(s): APMS 2090.

MUSC 2010 Twentieth Century Theory (3,4)
Analysis of works by Debussy, Stravinsky, Bartok, Hindemith, Schoenberg, Webern, Berg, Lutoslawski, etc. Writing skills based on 20th-century melodic and harmonic principles. Prerequisite(s): MUSC 1520. Corequisite(s): APMS 2100.

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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 2940 Transfer Coursework (0-20)
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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.

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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 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 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 Contemp 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 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 course is a HCI (Human Computer Interface)-based course with a concentration in musical applications. The course will be hands-on, writing code, building circuits with conjunction of microcontrollers and sensors. Prerequisite(s): MUSC 4400.

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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)
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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)
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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 5000  Honors Thesis (3-4)
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 Century (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 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 6310  History/Music In The US (3)
MUSC 6320  Musical Theatre In America (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 6440  Music Performance Systms (3)
MUSC 6480  Music and Gender (3)
MUSC 6600  Theory of American Music (3)
MUSC 6610  Analysis of American Music (3)
MUSC 6840  Special Topics (1-6)
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 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