

Boston University Aural Skills Teaching Assistant Handbook

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Introduction

Welcome to the Boston University Aural Skills Curriculum! As a teaching assistant in this program, you are an essential part of the musical training of our students. You are teaching them to be musically literate: to hear, read and perform music.

As the person who has the greatest contact with the students, your feedback is crucial to making this program work most efficiently to train our students to be excellent musicians. Your observations and opinions will be called for at TA meetings, in private communications with Prof. Burton, and in the feedback forms distributed at the end of the semester. Thank you for putting your time, creativity and energy into this important task!

General information

ORGANIZATION OF AURAL SKILLS CLASSES AND CURRICULUM

We will have regular group meetings at a day and time determined at the start of each semester. You are expected to attend all meetings.

There are three class meetings for every section, all at 8am. The first meeting is devoted to work with the Karpinski manual and ear training drills (intervals, chords, etc.), the second to dictation and the third to solmization.

If you have to miss class: 1) inform Dr. Burton immediately 2) arrange in advance for another TA to take your place. If this is not possible, then you must schedule individual meetings with every student in your section to make up the time.

Although the Karpinski manual uses a moveable do system and scale degrees, all Boston University classes (except for special music education sections) use fixed do and scale degree numbers. The students must learn to solfege in both fixed do and with scale degree numbers, and use only scale degrees numbers for Ear Training and Dictation. The fixed do syllables are: do, re, mi, fa sol, la, SI (not ti), and do not change with chromatic accidentals. Students should be able to conduct basic metric patterns as they perform solfege.

Unless you are teaching the Music Ed section of MU207, instruct your students to look only at the scale degree numbers in the Karpinski text, if the selection at hand is not in the key of C major, or, as one TA has done, you can ask the students to “correct” the moveable syllables to fixed do ones.

If there are multiple sections for your course (such as MU107 A1, B1, C1 etc.), the students will be organized into levels so that A1 has the most intensive training B1 moves a little more quickly, etc. During the first class meetings, you should give diagnostic tests in all three areas (ET, DI, SS) to your class, in order to determine if they are in the correct level section. (The section levels should be considered more or less concentrated or with more or less explanation, not slower or faster.)

Students can be “subsectioned” only after the first week of diagnostic tests and after the midterms. This means that if, for example, a student in section D1 excels at Ear Training but needs extra work in Dictation, it is possible for that student to attend a more intensive Dictation section for the second weekly meeting. In that case, this student would be subsectioned to section C1 for Dictation. Since all classes meet at 8am, this should not present scheduling difficulties.

OVERVIEW OF AURAL SKILLS CURRICULUM

Class	text/chapters	ear training drills
MU 107	Karpinski 1-24 (omit 15); Hoffmann 1-5	P/M/m intervals, major scale, M/m triads, 3 minor scales
MU 108	Karpinski 25-46; Hoffmann 6-10	d/a intervals, M/m triad inversions, d/a triads, d/a triad inversions, alto/tenor clefs
MU 207	Karpinski 47-58, 64; Hoffmann 11-15	compound intervals, modes, dominant 7th chords and inversions, diminished, half-diminished, major, minor 7th chords
MU 208	Karpinski 59-78 (review 64, omit 72, 73); Hoffmann 16-19	augmented 6ths, Neapolitan 6th, cadences (HC, PAC, IAC, plagal, deceptive)
MU 407	<i>Modus Novus</i> Hoffmann 20-21	octatonic, whole-tone, pentatonic, quartal harmonies, metric modulation, changing meters

Your resources - Teaching materials

THE KARPINSKI TEXTS

There are three volumes, the *Manual for Ear Training and Sight Singing*, which contains a CD Rom, the *Anthology for Sight Singing*, and the Teacher's Dictation manual. The students must purchase the first two.

As noted above, the Karpinski uses moveable do and scale degree numbers throughout. You should ignore the moveable do syllables (unless the selection is in C major) and focus on the scale degrees.

These texts, which are relatively new, start at the very beginning of musical literacy, with pitch, rhythm, meter, etc. It may seem at first as though this is much too elementary for a performing music student at BU. However, remember that knowing is not the same as hearing, which is not the same as doing. Very often a student will recognize something on the page, yet not be able to reproduce it in dictation or in class performance. We are teaching skills, which is quite different than intellectual knowledge. In addition, the text gets sophisticated very fast. A chapter may start with terms and symbols that are familiar to most musicians, but it then quickly gets into more advanced concepts.

Desk copies of the Karpinski manual, anthology and instructor's dictation manual are available for you from Prof. Burton. The recordings on the accompanying CD Rom are also on the website: <http://courses.umass.edu/music114>, and a link is posted on the Blackboard site, under "external links."

The syllabus for your class will indicate which chapters are to be covered each week. Your class may get a little behind or ahead, depending upon their abilities, but try not to vary too much from the schedule. This is especially important since some of the students may be subsectioned into other sections and the topics may not coordinate.

It also may be necessary to review earlier chapters with your class if questions come up, so please read the entire text. You might also want to take a look at Karpinski's other book, *Aural Skills Acquisition*, which has some very valuable insights. Prof. can lend you a copy or you can borrow it from Mugar Library.

RICHARD HOFFMANN: *THE RHYTHMIC BOOK*

Students are not required to buy this text, but you should supplement your class work with it. Scanned selections are available on the Blackboard site, via the Control Panel.

It will be necessary to make photocopies or printouts of the pages you wish to assign your students and pass them out in class. The xerox machine in the main music office on the second floor of CFA is available for your use.

NOTE: Copies of the Karpinski, the Hoffmann and *Modus Novus* are on reserve at Mugar Library as well.

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS

Additional resources that you may use include sight-singing anthologies by Ottman, Berkowitz and others. These have been made available for you to consult.

Blackboard Site

There is a website for your course at <http://blackboard.bu.edu>. To access it, after giving your BU login, type in the course number. You are listed as a teaching assistant for the course and your students should be automatically listed as users. You can create a group for your section and you can send messages to the group, add external links, post assignments and announcements, etc. To complete these tasks, go to the "control panel" button on the course page. Previous exams are also uploaded to this site.

Syllabi

The class syllabus is a type of contract in which the expectations for both teacher and student are set out clearly. All students must receive one during the first week of classes, and they can also access them online at <http://blackboard.bu.edu>. If any questions arise, please refer to the syllabus first. Sample copies are included below.

Protonotation

WHAT IS PROTONOTATION?

Gary Karpinski has developed the protonotation system in order to facilitate immediate musical comprehension and thus dictation skills. It is extremely helpful as a diagnostic tool for the instructor, and enables students to quickly record what they hear without first having to interpret traditional music notation. All BU students should know and practice protonotation.

An important aspect of protonotation is that dictation students are expected to figure out for themselves what the meter, and starting notes of the selection are. They are NOT given the time signature or the first note. They ARE given the bottom number of the time signature (the beat unit) and the tonic note of the key.

Here is a very quick overview of protonotation. Imagine that the dictation tune is “Mary Had a Little Lamb”. Before starting, the students are told that the bottom number of the time signature is 4 (for quarter notes).

- At the first hearing, the students make a short vertical line for every pulse (beat) they hear. So the first phrase would look like this:

“Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb”

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The students could also hear it with twice as many, or half as many, lines, depending upon how they felt the pulse: this is not an error! But let us continue as above for now.

- Step 2 is shows a higher level of pulse (meter) by increasing the height of the main pulses. The student now must determine if the meter is duple, triple or quadruple. (the two short vertical lines above one another should be connected into one longer vertical line.)

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- Step 3 adds the rhythm by writing horizontal lines:

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| - - | - - | - - | - - | - - | - - | - - | - -

At this point, students can practice turning this protonotation into regular rhythmic notation. The meter appears to be duple, so the top number of the time signature would be 2. Then the rhythmic values should be deciphered. Since it is 2/4, then measure 1 becomes 4 eighth-notes, measure 2 two eighths and a quarter, etc.

- Step 4 adds the scale degrees:

| 3 2 1 2 | 3 3 3 | 2 2 2 | 3 5 5
| - - | - - | - - | - - | - - | - - | - -

Then, since this piece is in the key of C, C is played, and all of this can be turned into regular notation.

Although this may seem clumsy at first, and probably unnecessary for such a simple selection, protonotation is a very useful tool for more complex dictations later on. So you will be teaching this method even to students who are not beginners.

HOW IS PROTONOTATION DIFFERENT THAN REGULAR DICTATION?

The instructor does not give time or key signatures, and does accept all possible correct notations, such as 4/8 instead of 2/4.

Placement exams

These are given over the summer to incoming freshmen and also are given first week of the semester. Transfer students take a similar exam.

The first days / weeks

There will be no classes during the first week. Instead, we will be having an Aural Skills pedagogical training session (“boot camp”) that will be held at 8am for several days. Additional placements tests for students will also be given during this time.

When classes begin during the second week of the semester there are certain tasks that must be accomplished. You should:

- pass out syllabi
- have the students complete student information sheets
- take attendance using sign-in sheets, as class rosters may change after the first week.
- give diagnostics tests in all three areas (ET, DI, SS). You can use the final exam from the previous semester, use a sample midterm from your own semester (but do not expect everyone to pass it), or create your own test.

It is also helpful to have students write their first names on folded half-sheets that sit on their desks like little nametags. This will help you call on them by name and communicate with them more directly. Prof. Burton can obtain photos of all those registered in your section; she will pass out printed versions of these at the initial meeting. Please keep these printouts confidential.

You can also have each student (and yourself) say a few words about themselves. Your larger goal is to stimulate discussion and create an atmosphere right from the start in which students feel at ease speaking.

If you are teaching MU107 or fall semester MU108, you should introduce protonotation as outlined above. They will not be able to complete all the steps in one class, but they should begin the process. To practice, you can have them read protonotation examples on the blackboard. You might also review solmization syllables by writing them on the board.

Grading

- Testing is done twice a semester, for midterms and finals. You **MUST** be present for these tests. Practice tests should be given the week before in all areas.

- In addition, three components of the course (ET, DI, SS) have a homework/preparation component. For example, half of the ET grade (5% in the first half of the semester, 7.5% for the second) will be for homework and preparation. This allows for a fairer grade for those students who do not perform well on tests.
- All students must receive a final grade of C- or better (70%) in each of the four components of the course in order to pass and move on to the next level. These components are Ear Training, Dictation, Solmization and Attendance.
- You have six grade/attendance sheets for your section. There are two for each of the three class meetings, for the first and second halves of the semester. Please record your attendance and grades on these sheets and be sure to hand them into Prof. Burton after the midterm and final testing is complete. She will calculate the final grades for all students.
- It is extremely helpful if you list the students in alphabetical order (by last name) on the grade/attendance sheets, and follow the instructions written at the top.

Makeup tests: any student who misses a midterm or final exam will receive an F on that exam. If the student wants to contest that decision, they can do so by appealing to Prof. Burton; if they have a valid excuse (as outlined in the syllabus: documented medical reason, religious duty, family emergency, etc.), then a makeup can be given without penalty. A time for the makeup exam will be arranged between the student and the TA for this. If the excuse is not one of the above but is still deemed reasonable by Dr. Burton (such as public transportation breaking down, etc.) then a makeup can still be given.

Grading: In order to bring the numerous individual homework and test grades into line with the final letter grade system, the minimum grade for all completed work is 40% for a test or assignment. The best way to think about this is that an A-type grade is 90-100, a B-type grade is 80-89, a C-type grade 70-79 and a D-type grade is 60-69. Here are some examples:

On a quiz with ten questions worth 100 points total, each question is worth 10 points. If one answer is left blank, the instructor subtracts all 10 points. On another question, the student gets it completely right, so the grader subtracts 0 points. If the answer is given but completely wrong, though, the most that can be subtracted is 6 points. If, however, the student puts down a pretty good answer, but one that is not completely right, the grader could evaluate the answer as a “B” answer and subtract 1-2 points. If the answer is more wrong than right, the grader could evaluate it as a “D” answer and subtract 3-4 points, and so forth.

Clearly this leaves room for some flexibility in the grading, and there are all kinds of circumstances that the grader may wish to take into account when calculating the grades. Nevertheless, this system of grading will ultimately bring the final numerical grades closer to the university’s letter grade system.

Testing procedures

All tests begin at 8:05am.

AURAL SKILLS TEST COMPONENTS:

Ear-Training (weekly meeting 1)

Aural identification of:

- intervals
- scales / modes
- chords
- progressions
- rhythms

Dictation (weekly meeting 2)

Depending on the class level:

- melodic
- rhythmic
- bass line/ harmonic
- two-part
- four-part
- atonal

Solmization (weekly meeting 3)

- singing of an unprepared melody, with conducting
- singing of one or two prepared melodies from a selection assigned previously, with conducting
- performing an unprepared rhythm

Previous exams are available for viewing at the <http://blackboard.bu.edu> site for your class (via the Control Panel), and the blank tests are included below.

Feedback

- Prof. Burton and other faculty members will observe your teaching during the semester. The purpose is to get an idea of your teaching techniques and how you relate to the class, not to micromanage your every action.
- At midterm time, you should have the students fill out the Midterm Evaluation forms, which simply ask what has worked and what has not in the class. As is the procedure with the university's official student evaluations, which are distributed at the end of the semester, you should leave the room and allow the students to complete the forms in class without your presence. Allow about 15 minutes for this, and instruct the students to leave the anonymous forms face down on your desk, or in an envelope.
- In a private meeting with Prof. Burton, you will both discuss the class observations and the student evaluations, and talk about possible avenues for improvement.
- Videos of your teaching may also be taken, which you will go over with Prof. Burton in private.

Pedagogical suggestions

HOW CAN YOU GET SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING THEY COULD NOT DO BEFORE?

We are training students to have skills, not learn a set of facts (although facts are important!). Imagine teaching someone to ride a bicycle: it helps somewhat to explain the physics involved, but ultimately that person will just have to do it, and hopefully not fall too many times in the process. It also is not helpful to criticize or humiliate the learner.

So, our goal is to let students **learn by doing**. This means that your classroom style should not be only a lecture, but finding ways to empower the students enough to **participate actively**. Try to stimulate discussion by **asking questions** that can be answered in several ways, questions without only one right answer. You might engage the students during the class by having them **move around, do something on the board, share concerns** regarding the homework, etc.

Many students are shy, especially at the beginning of the semester. There are a number of ways to alleviate this situation:

- have students work in pairs or small groups in class and outside of class.
- ask students to consider a question in advance, which they will answer after a selection is played; this avoids “cold-calling” (demanding an answer on the spot, which can be intimidating.)
- be more of a moderator in the discussion, rather than the authority who knows the “right” answer.
- encourage student participation by having them bring in material to teach to the class.
- pair students who “get it” with those who do not.

This does not mean that students should not be corrected; on the contrary, feedback and assessment are extremely important. But try to correct errors without criticizing harshly. Empower students to react to one another’s work in **supportive** ways. In short, try to **create an atmosphere in which students feel relaxed**, but in which serious work gets done.

You should always have a lesson plan, and plan for more than you think you might accomplish (some activities will take longer or shorter than you might anticipate).

The class should start on time and end on time.

MUSICAL PEDAGOGY

We will discuss pedagogical issues in our regular meetings. However, here are some quick tips:

- In sight-singing classes, do warm-ups before singing. You are not vocal instructors, but some basic knowledge on how to breathe is helpful to students. (If you have voice students in the class, perhaps they can contribute some information, or lead the warm-ups.) The warm-ups can be related to the topic at hand, a review, or simply getting the voices moving early in the morning.
- Intervals should be learned and practiced first in relation to tonic (singing down to the tonic reinforces the concept of scale degrees).
- When giving dictations, you should play the entire selection through each time. But what determines how many times you should repeat it? The concept of “**chunking**” is helpful: it means

that there are small chunks of the selection that form an aural group, which could be a measure, but not necessarily. The number of times you should play the dictation selection is the number of chunks +1.

- Musical memory is very important. There are exercises that can be done in class (and out) that improve musical memory, which we will discuss in our meetings. **Encourage students to sing the dictation before writing it, or to auralize it as completely as they can.**
- Students who have absolute pitch can often lack a strong sense of harmony, so harmonic dictation using roman numerals can be very useful for them.
- You must repeatedly check your students' understanding before adding any new material.

Sample Syllabi

Boston University
College of Fine Arts, School of Music

MU 107 - Ear-training and Sight-singing I

Fall 2012

Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives

If music is like a language, then musicians must be musically literate: that means being able to read music and write it down. This course is designed to develop essential aural skills to begin to meet that end. Emphasis is placed on dictation as well as solmization. Attention will be paid to interval recognition, chordal recognition, harmonic progressions, types of scales, and melodic patterns. By the end of this course, you should be able to auralize and perform music better at first sight, and write it down with much more fluency.

Each section of the course has three class meetings per week. The first meeting is devoted to material covered in the text and to ear-training drills. The second will give concentrated practice in dictation and in the skill of using protonotation, a shorthand method of writing down music. The third class meeting will focus on solmization, singing both prepared and unprepared melodies on solmization syllables.

Prerequisite

Placement is by exam.

Required Texts

All texts are available at the BU Bookstore.

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[Includes recordings on CDRom.]
- Karpinski, Gary S. and Richard Kram. *Anthology for Sight Singing*. New York: Norton, 2006.

Instructors by section:

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107E1: Lizette Chapa Fuentes - lchapa@bu.edu

Meeting Times and Locations

All sections meet from 8 - 9 am; the instructors will announce office locations and hours in class.

107A1: MWF CFA B36
107B1: MWTh CFA 154
107C1: TuThF, CFA 165
107D1: Tu CFA 410, WF CFA 414
107E1: MWF CFA 410

Aural Skills Program Coordinator

Prof. Deborah Burton

Office: CFA 223, 617/353-5483

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Office Hours: by appointment

Course Grade Components

Ear Training 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Ear Training 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
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Solmization 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Attendance	25%	

Important Note: you must receive at least 70% in each component of the four components of your grade (ear training, dictation, solmization and attendance) in order to pass the course. For example, if you have excellent grades in ear training, dictation and solmization, but do not attend class at least 70% of the time, you will not pass the course.

Tests

There will be two tests in each of the three aural skills areas: ear-training, dictation and solmization. The results of the first test will determine if you are placed in a section where more concentrated work in dictation or solmization is done in the second and/or third class meetings. For example, if you are very proficient at dictation, but need extra work with solmization, you might, for your third weekly class meeting, move to another section where more explanation of solmization is given. This flexibility, aided by the scheduling of all aural skills classes at 8am, will help tailor the aural skills curriculum more to the needs of individual students.

Make-up test policy

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Blackboard

More information about the class and your section can be found at: <http://blackboard.bu.edu>

Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Material*	Ear-training Components*
1	September 4-7	no classes	
2	10 - 14	Course Introduction, Karpinski chapters 1, 2	perfect and major intervals
3	17 - 21 [9/17 last day to add classes]	chapters 3, 4	“
4	24 - 28	chapters 5, 6	the above plus minor intervals
5	October 1 - 5	chapter 7	“
6	9-12 [no classes on 10/8; Monday schedule on Tuesday 10/9; 10/9 last day to drop classes without a W grade]	chapters 8, 9	the above plus major and natural minor scales
7	15 - 19	chapters 10, 11	review all of the above
8	22 - 26	Tests I	
9	29- November 2	chapters 12, 13	“
10	5 - 9 [11/9 last day to drop classes with a W grade]	chapter 14	the above plus major/ minor triads in root position
11	12 - 16	chapters 16, 18	“
12	19 - 20 [Thanksgiving recess from 11/21-25]	chapters 17, 19	the above plus harmonic and melodic minor scales
13	26 - 30	chapters 21, 22	“
14	December 3 - 7	chapters 23, 24	review all of the above
15	10-12**	Tests II	

*This schedule is subject to change by your instructor; selections from Richard Hoffman's *The Rhythm Book*, chapters 1-5, will be studied throughout the semester.

**tests may be scheduled after this date

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Instructor

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3	17 - 21 [9/17 last day to add classes]	chapters 27, 28	the above plus diminished/augmented intervals
4	24 - 28	chapter 29, 30	“
5	October 1 - 5	chapter 31, 39	the above plus inversions of major and minor triads
6	9-12 [no classes on 10/8; Monday schedule on Tuesday 10/9; 10/9 last day to drop classes without a W grade]	chapter 32, 33	“
7	15 - 19	chapters 34, 35	review all of the above
8	22 - 26	Tests I	
9	29- November 2	chapter 36, 37	“
10	5 - 9 [11/9 last day to drop classes with a W grade]	chapter 38	the above plus diminished/augmented triads
11	12 - 16	chapter 40, 41	“
12	19 - 20 [Thanksgiving recess from 11/21-25]	chapters 42, 43	“
13	26 - 30	chapter 44, 45	“
14	December 3 - 7	chapter 46	review all of the above
15	10-12**	Tests II	

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**tests may be scheduled after this date.

**Boston University
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**MU 207 - Ear-training and Sight-singing III
Fall 2012**

Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives

If music is like a language, then musicians must be musically literate: that means being able to read music and write it down. This course is designed to develop essential aural skills to begin to meet that end. Emphases are placed on ear training, dictation and solmization. Attention will be paid to interval recognition, chordal recognition, harmonic progressions, types of scales, modes, and melodic patterns. By the end of this course, you should be able to auralize and perform music better at first sight, and write it down with much more fluency.

Each section of the course has three class meetings per week. The first meeting is devoted to material covered in the text and to ear-training drills. The second will give concentrated practice in dictation and in the skill of using protonotation, a shorthand method of writing down music. The third class meeting will focus on solmization, singing both prepared and unprepared melodies on solmization syllables.

Prerequisite

MU 108 or placement by exam.

Required Texts

All texts are available at the BU Bookstore.

- Karpinski, Gary S. *Manual for Ear Training and Sight Singing*. New York: Norton, 2006.
[Includes recordings on CDRom.]
- Karpinski, Gary S. and Richard Kram. *Anthology for Sight Singing*. New York: Norton, 2006.

Instructor by section

207A1: Luciano Leite-Barbosa, lbarbosa@bu.edu

207B1: Adam Berndt, amberndt@bu.edu

207C1: Tiffany Chang, tchang86@bu.edu

207D1: Lesley Hinger, lhinger@bu.edu

The instructors will announce their office locations and hours in class.

Meeting Times and Locations

All sections meet from 8 - 9 am.

207A1: MWF, CFA 216

207B1: MWTh CFA 156 [for Music Education students only]

207C1: MW CFA 219, F CFA 156

207D1: TuThF CFA 219

Aural Skills Program Coordinator

Prof. Deborah Burton

Office: CFA 223, 617/353-5483

Email: burtond@bu.edu

Office Hours: by appointment

Course Grade Components

Ear Training 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Ear Training 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Attendance	25%	

Important Note: you must receive at least 70% in each component of the four components of your grade (ear training, dictation, solmization and attendance) in order to pass the course. For example, if you have excellent grades in ear training, dictation and solmization, but do not attend class at least 70% of the time, you will not pass the course.

Tests

There will be two tests in each of the three aural skills areas: ear-training, dictation and solmization. The results of the first test will determine if you are placed in a section where more concentrated work in dictation or solmization is done in the second and/or third class meetings. For example, if you are very proficient at dictation, but need extra work with solmization, you might, for your third weekly class meeting, move to another section where more explanation of solmization is given. This flexibility, aided by the scheduling of all aural skills classes at 8am, will help tailor the aural skills curriculum more to the needs of individual students.

Make-up test policy

If you have a legitimate excuse for missing an exam (a doctor's note or receipt from the Health Center, a required university function, religious observance, or an extenuating family circumstance), you will be able to take a make-up exam, the date and time of which must be mutually agreed upon with your instructor. Final exams may be excluded from this policy.

Attendance Policy

- Your attendance is required at all class meetings, and it is 25% of your grade. Because much of the work for this course is done in the classroom, if you do not attend at least 70% of the classes, you will not pass the course. Excused absences include: (1) illness with proper documentation, the day you return to class, (2) official school business, (3) observance of religious holidays, or (4) an extenuating family circumstance. If a class is missed, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered and what homework was assigned.

- If you are more than five minutes late to class, you will be marked tardy, which counts as half an absence.

Conduct

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Electronic Devices

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Disabilities

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Blackboard

More information about the class and your section can be found at: <http://blackboard.bu.edu>

Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Material*	Ear-training Components*
1	September 4-7	no classes	
2	10 - 14	course introduction, review of 108 materials, diagnostic tests Karpinski chapter 47	review 108 ET material, compound intervals
3	17 - 21 [9/17 last day to add classes]	chapters 48	"
4	24 - 28	chapter 49	the above plus dominant 7th chords and inversions
5	October 1 - 5	chapters 50	"
6	9-12 [no classes on 10/8; Monday schedule on Tuesday 10/9; 10/9 last day to drop classes without a W grade]	chapter 51, 64	the above plus diminished 7th chords, major 7th chords
7	15 - 19	chapter 52	review all of the above
8	22 - 26	Tests I	
9	29- November 2	chapter 53	the above plus ionian, aeolian, mixolydian modes
10	5 - 9 [11/9 last day to drop classes with a W grade]	chapter 54	the above plus dorian mode
11	12 - 16	chapters 55	the above plus lydian mode
12	19 - 20 [Thanksgiving recess from 11/21-25]	chapter 56	the above plus phrygian mode
13	26 - 30	chapter 57	the above plus half-diminished 7th chords, minor 7th chords
14	December 3 - 7	chapter 58	review all of the above
15	10-12**	Tests II	

*this schedule is subject to change by your instructor; selections from Richard Hoffman's *The Rhythm Book*, chapters 11-15, will be studied throughout the semester.

**tests may be scheduled after this date.

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**MU 208 - Ear-training and Sight-singing IV
Fall 2012**

Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives

If music is like a language, then musicians must be musically literate: that means being able to read music and write it down. This course is designed to develop essential aural skills to begin to meet that end. Emphases are placed on ear training, dictation and solmization. Attention will be paid to interval recognition, chordal recognition, harmonic progressions, types of scales, modes, and melodic patterns. By the end of this course, you should be able to auralize and perform music better at first sight, and write it down with much more fluency.

Each section of the course has three class meetings per week. The first meeting is devoted to material covered in the text and to ear-training drills. The second will give concentrated practice in dictation and in the skill of using protonotation, a shorthand method of writing down music. The third class meeting will focus on solmization, singing both prepared and unprepared melodies on solmization syllables.

Prerequisite

MU 207 or placement by exam.

Required Texts

All texts are available at the BU Bookstore.

- Karpinski, Gary S. *Manual for Ear Training and Sight Singing*. New York: Norton, 2006.
[Includes recordings on CDRom.]
- Karpinski, Gary S. and Richard Kram. *Anthology for Sight Singing*. New York: Norton, 2006.

Instructor:

MU208A1: Matthew LaRocca, mlarocca@bu.edu

Your instructor will announce his office location and hours in class.

Meeting Times and Locations

MU208A1: M CFA 165, TuTh CFA 216, 8 - 9 am

Aural Skills Program Coordinator

Prof. Deborah Burton

Office: CFA 223, 617/353-5483

Email: burtond@bu.edu

Office Hours: by appointment

Course Grade Components

Ear Training 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Ear Training 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Attendance	25%	

Important Note: you must receive at least 70% in each component of the four components of your grade (ear training, dictation, solmization and attendance) in order to pass the course. For example, if you have excellent grades in ear training, dictation and solmization, but do not attend class at least 70% of the time, you will not pass the course.

Tests

There will be two tests in each of the three aural skills areas: ear-training, dictation and solmization. The results of the first test will determine if you are placed in a section where more concentrated work in dictation or solmization is done in the second and/or third class meetings. For example, if you are very proficient at dictation, but need extra work with solmization, you might, for your third weekly class meeting, move to another section where more explanation of solmization is given. This flexibility, aided by the scheduling of all aural skills classes at 8am, will help tailor the aural skills curriculum more to the needs of individual students.

Make-up test policy

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Attendance Policy

- Your attendance is required at all class meetings, and it is 25% of your grade. Because much of the work for this course is done in the classroom, if you do not attend at least 70% of the classes, you will not pass the course. Excused absences include: (1) illness with proper documentation, the day you return to class, (2) official school business, (3) observance of religious holidays, or (4) an extenuating family circumstance. If a class is missed, it is your responsibility to find out what was covered and what homework was assigned.

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Conduct

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Disabilities

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Blackboard

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Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Material*	Ear-training Components*
1	September 4-7	no classes	
2	10 - 14	course introduction, review of 207 materials, diagnostic tests, Karpinski chapters 61, 62	review 207 ET material, PAC, IAC cadences
3	17 - 21 [9/17 last day to add classes]	chapter 63, review 64	HC, DC cadences
4	24 - 28	chapter 65, 77	"
5	October 1 - 5	chapters 66, 67	the above plus plagal cadences
6	9-12 [no classes on 10/8; Monday schedule on Tuesday 10/9; 10/9 last day to drop classes without a W grade]	chapter 68	"
7	15 - 19	chapter 69, 70	review all of the above
8	22 - 26	Tests I	
9	29- November 2	chapter 59	the above plus Neapolitan 6th chords
10	5 - 9 [11/9 last day to drop classes with a W grade]	chapter 71	"
11	12 - 16	chapter 60	the above plus augmented sixths (German +6 in conjunction with dominant 7th)
12	19 - 20 [Thanksgiving recess from 11/21-25]	chapter 74	"
13	26 - 30	chapter 76	the above plus whole-tone, octatonic scales
14	December 3 - 7	chapter 75, 78	review all of the above
15	10-12**	Tests II	

*this schedule is subject to change by your instructor; selections from Richard Hoffman's *The Rhythm Book*, chapters 16-19, will be studied throughout the semester.

**tests may be scheduled after this date.

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**MU 407 - Ear-training and Sight-singing V
Spring 2012**

Syllabus

Course Description and Objectives

This course is designed to complete the development of your aural skills, with an emphasis placed on non-tonal materials as well as atonal solmization and study of non-traditional collections. By the end of this course, you should be able to auralize and perform non-tonal music better at first sight, and write it down with much more fluency. The course has three class meetings per week: meetings one and two will emphasize atonal ear training and dictation, while meeting three will focus on solmization, using the fixed do and numerical systems.

Prerequisite

MU 208 or placement by exam.

Required Text

Lars Edlund. *Modus Novus*. Stockholm: Nordiska Musikförlaget, 1963.

Instructor

Matthew LaRocca, mlarocca@bu.edu

Your instructor will announce his office location and hours in class.

Meeting Times and Locations

MU407A1: MTuTh, 8am, CFA 156

Aural Skills Program Coordinator

Prof. Deborah Burton

Office: CFA 223, 617/353-5483

Email: burtond@bu.edu

Office Hours: TBA

Course Grade Components

Ear Training 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Ear Training 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Dictation 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 1	10%	(5% of this for preparation/homework)
Solmization 2	15%	(7.5% of this for preparation/homework)
Attendance	25%	

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if you have excellent grades in ear training, dictation and solmization, but do not attend class at least 70% of the time, you will not pass the course.

Tests

There will be two tests in each of the three aural skills areas: ear-training, dictation and solmization. The results of the first test will determine if you are placed in a section where more concentrated work in dictation or solmization is done in the second and/or third class meetings. For example, if you are very proficient at dictation, but need extra work with solmization, you might, for your third weekly class meeting, move to another section where more explanation of solmization is given. This flexibility, aided by the scheduling of all aural skills classes at 8am, will help tailor the aural skills curriculum more to the needs of individual students.

Make-up test policy

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Attendance Policy

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- If you are more than five minutes late to class, you will be marked tardy, which counts as half an absence.

Conduct

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Electronic Devices

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Blackboard

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Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Material*
1	January 16 - 18	Course Introduction, review whole-tone, octatonic collections, conducting patterns
2	22 - 25 [no classes on 1/21]	<i>Modus Novus</i> chapter 1
3	28 - February 1 [1/30 last day to add a course]	chapter II
4	4 - 8	chapter III
5	11 -15	chapter V
6	18 - 22 [no classes 2/18, Monday schedule on Wednesday 2/20; 2/21 last day to drop without “W” grade]	chapter VI
7	25 - March 1	review of above
8	March 4-8 [Spring recess March 9 - 17]	Tests I
9	18-22	chapter VII
10	25-29 [3/29 last day to drop with a “W” grade]	chapter IX
11	April 1 - 5	chapter X
12	8 - 12	chapter XII
13	16 - 19 [no classes on 4/15, Monday schedule on Thursday 4/18]	chapter XI
14	22 - 26, practice exams	review of above
15	29 - May 2**	Tests II

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**tests may be scheduled after this date.

Sample forms and tests

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Student Information Sheet

Class / section / instructor_____

Name_____

Email Address_____

Telephone_____

• Area of Specialization_____

• Degree Program_____

• What instrument(s) do you play?_____

• What would like to learn in this course?

• Is it ok to have your email address appear in class e-mailings? Yes No

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Section:

Date:

Name

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Subsection Placement

Student Name	ET section (registered)	New DI section	New SS section

Failure Warning

Student Name	Reason for possible failure

Boston University - Aural Skills Curriculum
Attendance/ Grades - Ear Training 1

Course/ section_____Instructor_____

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

[illegible]

Boston University - Aural Skills Curriculum
Attendance/ Grades - Ear Training 2

Course/ section_____Instructor_____

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

[illegible]

Boston University - Aural Skills Curriculum
Attendance/ Grades - Dictation 1

Course/ section _____ Instructor _____

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

[illegible]

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

[illegible]

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Attendance/ Grades - Sightsinging 1

Course/ section _____ Instructor _____

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

[illegible]

Boston University - Aural Skills Curriculum
Attendance/ Grades - Sight Singing 2

Course/ section _____ Instructor _____

- any late arrival after five minutes is counted as 1/2 absence.
- **0** = absent
- **T** = tardy
- **X** = excused
- excused absences are not counted in the total number of possible classes.

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Midterm Evaluations

Class / Section / TA(s)_____

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME PLEASE!!!

I. What do you think is working well in the class?

II. What do you think is NOT working well in the class?

**Boston University
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MU 107**

Practice Ear Training Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (60 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played three times: melodically, harmonically and melodically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (40)

Name the types of scales that you hear in the blanks below.

1.

2.

3.

4.

**Boston University
School of Music
MU 107**

Ear Training Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (60 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played three times: melodically, harmonically and melodically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (40)

Name the types of scales that you hear in the blanks below.

1.

2.

3.

4.

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Practice Dictation Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

The melody will be played through completely five times. If so instructed, you can write it down in protonotation in the space below or in Western notation on the staff. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the clef, the starting pitch and the bottom number of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

The rhythm will be played through five times. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation in the space below. The instructor will give you the bottom number of the time signature.

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School of Music**

MU 107

Dictation Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

The melody will be played through completely five times. If so instructed, you can write it down in protonotation in the space below or in Western notation on the staff. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the clef, the starting pitch and the bottom number of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

The rhythm will be played through five times. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation in the space below. The instructor will give you the bottom number of the time signature.

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Practice Ear Training Final Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (40 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played melodically and harmonically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (30)

Write out the scales you hear, going up and down and give the names in the spaces below. Your instructor will indicate the clef and starting pitch.

III. Chords (30) As you hear each chord, write out the type in the space below.

1. 4.

2. 5.

3. 6.

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Ear Training Final Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (40 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played melodically and harmonically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (30)

Write out the scales you hear, going up and down and give the names in the spaces below. Your instructor will indicate the clef and starting pitch.

III. Chords (30) As you hear each chord, write out the type in the space below.

1. 4.

2. 5.

3. 6.

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Practice Dictation Final Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

Write out the melodic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it down in protonotation in the space below or in Western notation on the staff. The instructor will give you the clef, the tonic note and the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

Write out the rhythmic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation in the space below. The instructor will give you the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

**Boston University
School of Music**

MU 107

Dictation Final Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

Write out the melodic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it down in protonotation in the space below or in Western notation on the staff. The instructor will give you the clef, the tonic note and the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

Write out the rhythmic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation in the space below. The instructor will give you the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

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MU 108 - Practice Ear Training Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (50 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played three times: melodically, harmonically and melodically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (20)

Each scale will be played twice. Write out the scales you hear, starting on the clef and note given by your instructor, GOING UP AND DOWN, and give the names in the spaces below.

III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played three times, harmonically, melodically, harmonically. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear (the bottom note will always be middle C), the type of chord and the inversion.

Boston University
School of Music
MU 108 - Ear Training Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Intervals (50 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played three times: melodically, harmonically and melodically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (20)

Each scale will be played twice. Write out the scales you hear, starting on the clef and note given by your instructor, GOING UP AND DOWN, and give the names in the spaces below.

III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played three times, harmonically, melodically, harmonically. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear (the bottom note will always be middle C), the type of chord and the inversion.

**Boston University
School of Music**

MU 108

Practice Dictation Midterm Exam

Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

The melody will be played through completely five times. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the clef, the starting pitch and the bottom number of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

The rhythm will be played through five times. Write in down in protonotation or in Western notation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the bottom number of the time signature.

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Name_____

Instructor's Name_____

I. Melodic Dictation (60)

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II. Rhythmic Dictation (40)

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Name _____ Instructor _____

I. Intervals (50 points)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played melodically and harmonically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) on the blank below.

II. Scales (20)

Write out the scales you hear, GOING UP AND DOWN, starting in the clef and on the note given by your instructor. Then give the names in the spaces below.

III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played several times. Your instructor will give you the clef and bottom note of the chord. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear, and the type of chord and inversion it is.

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Name _____

Instructor's Name _____

I. Melodic Dictation (40)

Write out the melodic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it down in protonotation in the space below or in Western notation on the staff. The instructor will give you the clef, the tonic note and the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (30)

The rhythm will be played through five times. Write in down in protonotation or in Western notation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the bottom number of the time signature.

III. Harmonic Dictation (30)

Write out the harmonic dictation in the space below. Your instructor will give you the tonic.

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Write out the harmonic dictation in the space below. Your instructor will give you the tonic and further instructions.

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II. Scales (20)

Each scale will be played twice. Write out the scales you hear, starting in the clef and on the note given by your instructor, GOING UP AND DOWN, and give the names in the spaces below.

III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played several times. Your instructor will give you the clef and bottom note of the chord. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear, and the type of chord and the inversion it is (M 6/3, Dom 4/2, etc.).

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Write down the rhythmic dictation in the space below. You can write it in either Western notation or write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

III. Harmonic dictation (30)

Write down the harmonic dictation in the space below. Your instructor will give you the tonic and further instructions.

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III. Harmonic dictation (30)

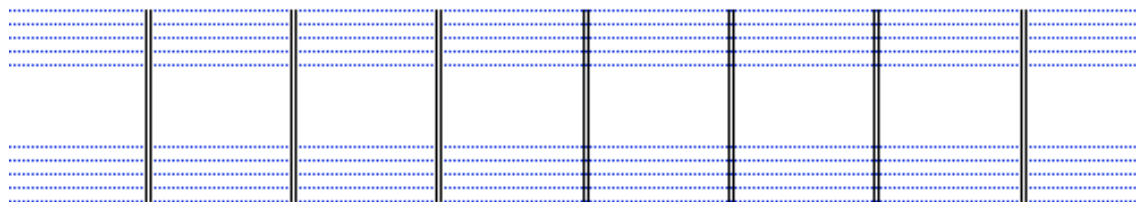
Write down the harmonic dictation in the space below. Your instructor will give you the tonic and further instructions.

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Name _____ Instructor _____

I. Intervals (30)

Your instructor will give you the clef and the first note you hear for each of these intervals. Each interval will be played three times: melodically, harmonically and melodically. In the space provided, write both the first and second notes, and the name of the interval (M2, P4, etc.) in the blank below.



II. Scales/ modes (20)

Each scale will be played twice. Write out the scales you hear, starting in the clef and on the note given by your instructor, GOING UP AND DOWN, and give the names in the spaces below.





III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played three times, melodically, harmonically and melodically. The bottom note will always be middle C. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear. Also write the type of chord and the inversion (M 6/3, dom 4/2, etc.).



IV. Cadences (20)

Name the type of cadence you hear, and whether it is in major or minor. Each will be played twice.

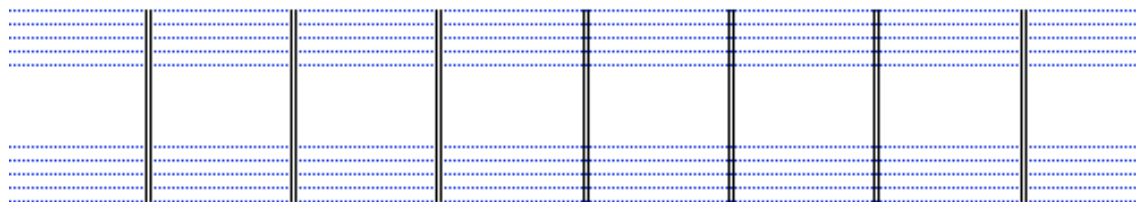
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2. _____
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4. _____
5. _____

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Name_____

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I. Melodic Dictation (40)

The melody will be played through completely five times. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the clef, the starting pitch and the bottom number of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (30)

The rhythm will be played through five times. Write in down in protonotation or in Western notation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the bottom number of the time signature.

III. Harmonic dictation (30)

A short harmonic progression will be played three times. Write down the bass line on the staff in Western notation. Then write the roman numeral and chord inversions for each chord, below the bass notes. Your instructor will indicate the key, and play the tonic before you begin. If so instructed, you can add in one or more upper voices.

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I. Melodic Dictation (40)

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III. Harmonic dictation (30)

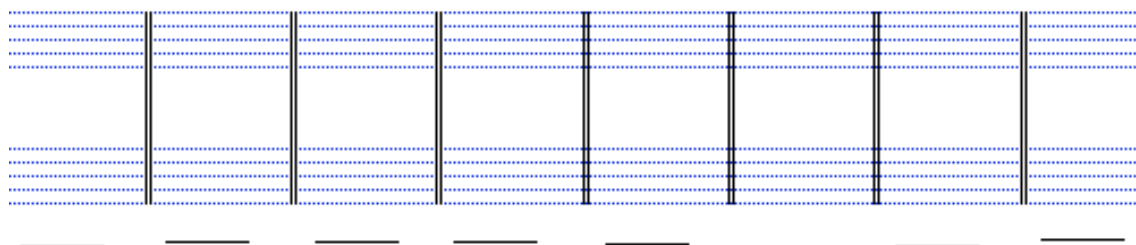
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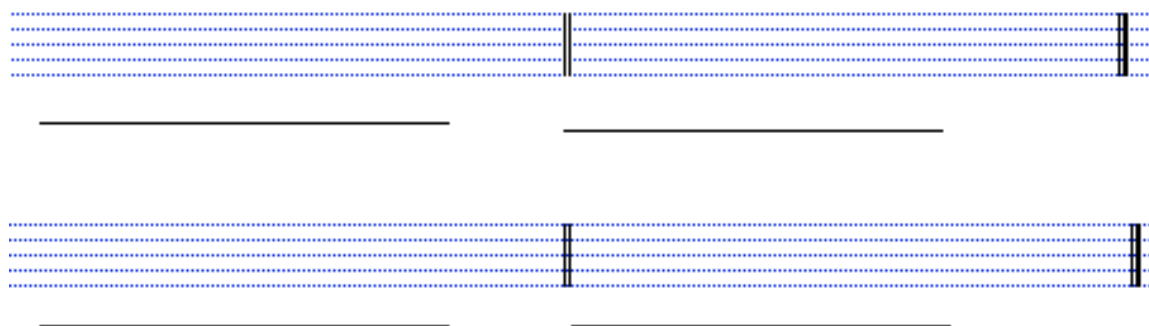
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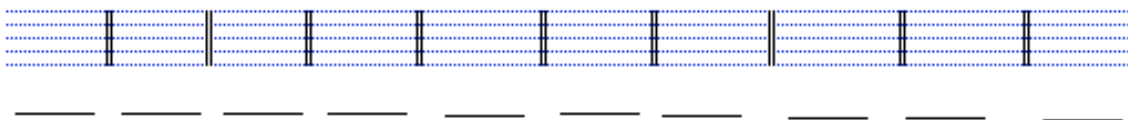
II. Scales/ modes (20)

Write out the scales you hear, starting in the clef and on the note given by your instructor, GOING UP AND DOWN, and give the names in the spaces below.



III. Chords (30)

Each chord will be played several times. Your instructor will give you the clef and starting pitch. In the spaces below, write out the notes and accidentals of the chord you hear, and the type of chord and inversion it is.



IV. Cadences (10)

Name the type of cadence you hear, and whether it is in major or minor. Each will be played twice.

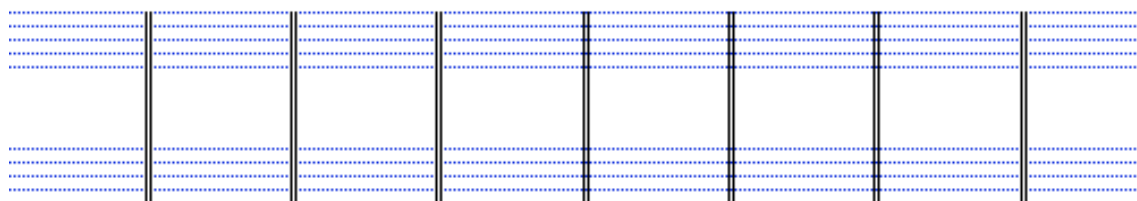
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I. Melodic Dictation (30)

Write out the melodic dictation in the space below. If so instructed, you can write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the clef, the tonic note and the bottom number of the time signature.

II. Rhythmic Dictation (30)

Write down the rhythmic dictation in the space below. You can write it in either Western notation or write it first in protonotation and then translate it into Western notation. The instructor will give you the bottom number (beat unit) of the time signature.

III. Harmonic dictation (40)

Write down the harmonic dictation in the space below. Your instructor will give you the tonic and further instructions.

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Name_____

Instructor_____

I. Notate the pitches heard. The first pitch will be given. (20)

II. Identify the pitch intervals between each pitch. (20)

III. Notate the chords you hear as they are built and changed. (60)

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Instructor _____

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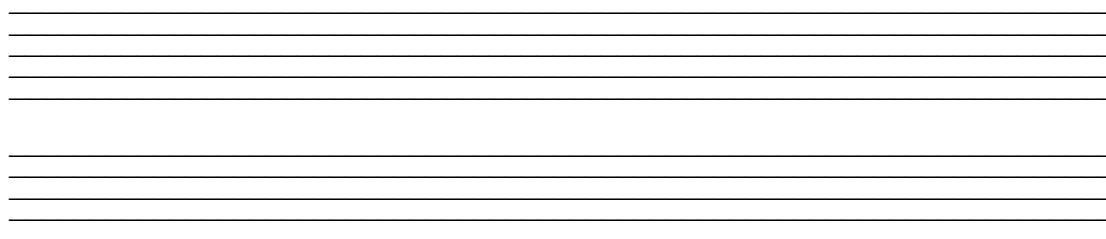
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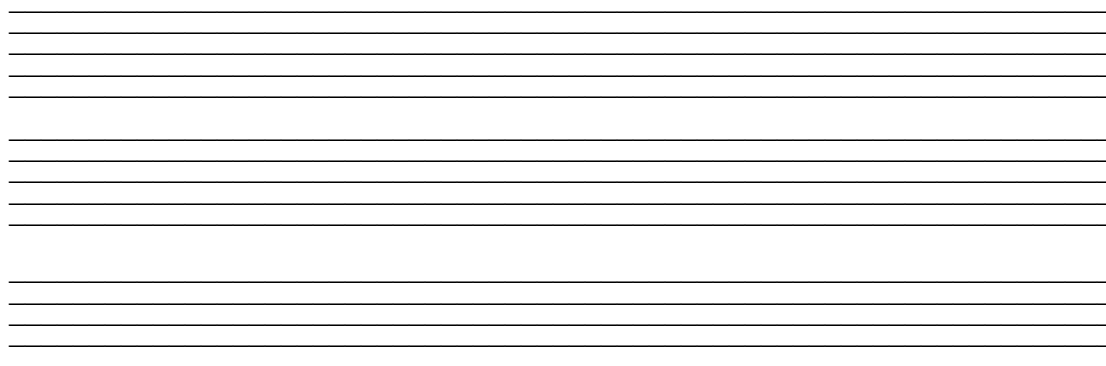
Instructor_____

I. Notate the pitches heard. The first pitch will be given. (20)



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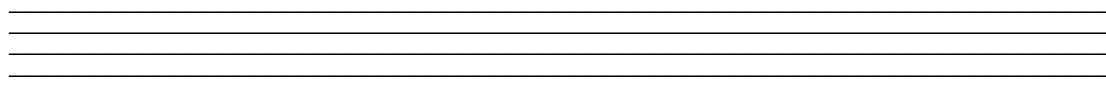
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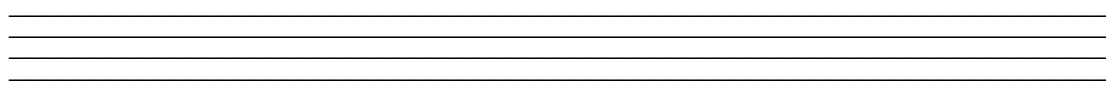
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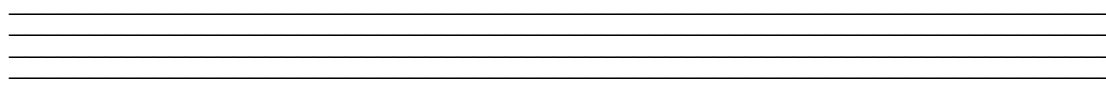
A single five-line musical staff for notation.

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A single five-line musical staff for notation.

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A single five-line musical staff for notation.

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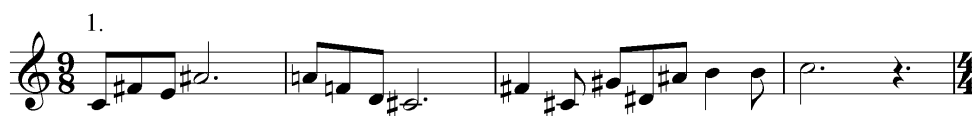
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Sightsinging Midterm

Choose one of the melodies below.

Take a minute to look it over, then sing through while conducting. You have three tries.



Note: other previous tests can be found on the Blackboard site, via the Control Panel.