

## **Course Outline for Music Theory**

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**Resources and Materials:** *Musictheory.net* and *Finale Workbook* software.

The order of units, exercises and assignments correspond to the text “Music In Theory and Practice”. For text material we will use the online based Musictheory.net and Finale Workbook software to complete the musical material. This will give students the opportunity to hear work immediately in order to make the connections between notes on a page and the sounds they represent.

## **Course Outline / Units**

### **Music Theory 1**

1st quarter – Chapters 1, 2, 3 (3 tests plus classwork)

Learning to use Finale Workbook software

The Fundamentals of Music

Notation of pitch, clefs, sharps, flats, octave identification, intervals

Rhythm composition project

Scales, Tonality, Key, Mode

Major scale, minor scale, tonality, key

Melodic variation and exotic scales compositions

Intervals

Major, minor, and perfect intervals, augmented and diminished intervals, inversion of intervals, enharmonics

2nd quarter – Chapters 3, 4 (3 tests plus classwork)

Chords

Triad, major and minor, augmented and diminished, scale degree names, inversions, figured bass, chord analysis

Melodic composition or variation with chords

Cadence and Nonharmonic tones

Cadences, unaccented and accented nonharmonic tones

Additional composition projects as time allows

### **Aural Skills:**

Ear training and listening skills will be developed through scale, interval and chord identification exercises using Finale Workbook software and musictheory.net.

Learning to recognize the sound of scales, intervals and chords is an important skill and will be tied to / reinforced with the materials listed in the course of study.

### **Grading:**

Tests will be given at the completion of each unit. Some units will be divided into two or more tests. Three to tests will be given each quarter. These tests, in addition to in-class assignments, and participation will all be averaged into the final grades. All tests will be announced in advance and reviewed for at least one day before the test date. Students are responsible for all work missed due to absences; see me or a classmate for missed material.

**Student Supplies:** You will need a folder to keep your assignments, handouts etc.