# Music 440 – Seminar in Music Theory MWF – 9:55-10:45 am; Music Hall Room 125

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**Required Textbooks:** 

Course Pack: Music 440 Course Pack with syllabus – available at Copyworks.

### **Additional Required Materials:**

1. Manuscript (staff) paper and notepaper.

2. Pencils and erasers. (Tests, quizzes and assignments written in pen will not be accepted.)

3. Three-ring binder with dividers.

### Attendance:

You are responsible for your attendance in this class. This is a participation-based class; absences will be noted. Be sure to present appropriate documentation if you must miss a class. Excused absences include documented tours, competitions and illnesses.

#### Tests.

Tests occur as announced or as stated on the syllabus, they cannot be made up.

## **Learning Different Students:**

Please contact me with appropriate documentation if you require special accommodations to maximize your performance in this class. This information is confidential.

**Grade** Homework assignments 40%

**Distribution:** Mid-Term Project 15%

Mid-Term Test 10% Class Participation 10% Final Project 25%

### **Outcomes:**

At successful completion of **Music 440**, the students will have a clear understanding of the compositional styles of the classic and romantic eras as regards lieder, string quartets, and symphonies. They will be able to easily identify the differences between the compositional styles of each era and place composers in correct historical settings. They will be able read orchestral scores fluently, including transposing instruments. They will have significantly improved their analytical skills in harmony and form, particularly as they apply to larger musical works. Students will integrate the use of *Finale*, a music writing computer program, in some of their homework assignments, furthering their knowledge and facility of its use.

August 22 "Placement Test"

August 24 Review of Chromatic Harmony
August 26 Chromatic Harmony and Part Writing

August 29 Chromatic Chords review

August 31 Chromatic Chords spelling and analyzing

September 2 Chromatic chords continued.

| September 5                       | Labor Day  |
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| September 7                       | Project topics due   |
| September 9                       | Analysis practice – Roman numeral                            |
| September 12                      | NCT's and Roman numerals                                     |
| September 14                      | In class analysis – to turn in for grade.                    |
| September 16                      | Modulation   |
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| September 19                      | Modulation continued.  |
| September 21                      | In class modulation analysis – to turn in for grade.         |
| September 23                      | Phrase analysis introduction                                 |
| September 26                      | Phrase analysis  |
| September 28                      | Phrase analysis  |
| September 30                      | Phrase analysis in context                                   |
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| October 3                         | Phrase Analysis in context                                   |
| October 5                         | Library day – finish those mid-term projects!                |
| October 7                         | Class meets in library time for final project research       |
| October 10                        | Class meets in library time for final project research       |
| October 12                        | Mid Term Projects Due at beginning of class.                 |
| October 14                        |  |
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| October 17                        | Dr. Sturm presents – Theory and Interpretation.              |
| October 19<br>October 21          | In-class work on projects                                    |
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| October 24                        | In-class work on projects                                    |
| October 26                        | In-class work on projects                                    |
| October 28                        | In-class work on projects                                    |
| October 31                        | Fugal Analysis   |
| November 2                        | Fugue analysis   |
| November 4                        | Fugue analysis   |
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| November 7                        | Begin project presentations                                  |
| November 9                        | Projects   |
| November 11                       | Projects   |
| November 14                       | Project  |
| November 16                       | Projects   |
| November 18                       | Projects   |
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| November 21-29 Thanksgiving break |  |
| November 28                       | Projects   |
| November 30                       | Projects   |
| December 2                        | Projects   |
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| December 5                        | Projects   |
| December 7                        | Projects Trial and water entrance event test (not for and a) |
| December 9                        | Trial graduate entrance exam test (not for grade)            |

## **COVID-19** health and safety requirements

Students are responsible for abiding by the university's COVID-19 health and safety expectations. All students attending this class in-person are required to:

- properly wear a face covering and/or face shield, covering the nose and mouth, while in classrooms, laboratories, studios, offices, and other learning spaces. It is important to remember that a face covering and/or face shield is required to be worn whenever you are on campus, in the presence of others, and unable to maintain physical distance.
- practice physical distancing to the extent possible;
- assist in maintaining a clean and sanitary environment;
- not attend class if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;
- not attend class if you have been told to self-isolate or guarantine by a health official.
- follow the faculty member's guidance with respect to these requirements.

Failure to comply constitutes disruptive classroom conduct. Faculty and teaching assistants have the authority to deny a non-compliant student entry into a classroom, laboratory, studio, conference room, office, or other learning space. These requirements extend outside of scheduled class time, including coursework in laboratories, studios, and other learning spaces, and to field trips. These requirements may be revised by the university at any time during the semester.

This syllabus is subject to change.