Course Syllabus for Music Theory I - Fall 2019

MUSI 1311
Section: 81002
3 Credit hours
Class meeting dates & times: MWF, 8/26/19 – 12/12/19, 9:05-10:00 a.m.
Course Meeting Place: Fannin Hall, Room F170
Course Certification/Census Date: 09/9/2019
Last Day to Withdraw with a W: 11/14/2019
Course Final Exam Date and Time: Monday, 12/9/19; 9:05 – 10:55 a.m.

Course Description
This course is designed for music majors and minors. Emphasis is on notation, cadences, classification of diatonic triads, scales, and modes. It is recommended that students enrolled in Music 1116 enroll in this course. (3 Lec.)

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes
1. Construct and identify major scale and all forms of the minor scale.
2. Construct and identify triads and seventh chords in all inversions.
3. Analyze triads in harmonic context utilizing standard roman-numeral symbols.
4. Compose music in standard four-part chorale style.
5. Identify small musical forms.
6. Demonstrate musical concepts covered in class, including scales, triads, and basic harmonic progression on the keyboard.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of rhythmic meter and note duration through score analysis and composition.

Course Materials
Required Texts
Tonal Harmony – with and introduction to Twentieth-Century 8th edition by Kostka, Payne, Almen
ISBN: 9781259447099

Course Requirements
There will be a quiz or written assignment during every class except on test days. Class performances will include singing and improvisation using solfege. There will be unit exams and a cumulative final exam. See the class calendar for a timeline of topics that will be covered.

Course Grading
- Class performances – 25%
- Quizzes & other written work – 25%
- Unit Exams – 25%
- Final Exam – 25%
Final grades
A=90 – 100
B=80 – 89
C=70 – 79
D=60 – 69
F=59 or below

Attendance Policy
Almost every class session will begin with a timed and graded quiz or written assignment. Make-up quizzes or assignments for late or absent students will not be given for credit. However, at least 3 of the quizzes will count as extra credit that will be applied to the final grade.

Classroom Policies and Student Responsibilities

Cell Phones and Pagers
Class members must turn all cell phones, pagers, and other personal electronic devices to vibrate, silent, or off modes during all classes, rehearsals, and performances.

Food and Beverage Policy
- No food is permitted on the premises for any reason unless medical circumstances dictate a need that has prior director approval upon advance student communication.
- The only beverage allowed on the premises is bottled water. No exceptions unless medical circumstances dictate a need that has prior director approval upon advance student communication.

Student Academic Progress
Students are encouraged to discuss academic goals and degree completion with their instructors. Specific advising is available throughout the semester from academic advisors and career specialists. Check http://richlandcollege.edu/admissions and http://richlandcollege.edu/advising for more details.

Academic Honesty Statement
Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct and Hazing. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating includes copying from another student’s test or homework paper; using materials not authorized; collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test; knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting (asking for) the contents of an un-administered test; and substituting for another person to take a test. Plagiarism is the appropriating (taking in a way that is illegal or unfair), buying, receiving as a gift or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work. Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense in college. You can be given a failing grade on an assignment or test, can be failed for the class or you can even be suspended from college.

Institutional Policies
Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link:
www.richlandcollege.edu/syllabipolicies

Syllabus Disclaimer
The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.