

**Transfer Student Information on Music Theory & Aural Skills
for Students Who Intend to Complete a Music Degree
at the University of Utah School of Music**

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Number: _____

Last Course in Music Theory Completed: _____

(Include Course Title, Number, Grade Earned, Semester & Year of Study – e.g., Theory II, Music 1120, Grade B+, 2nd semester of my first year)

Taken at which Institution: _____

(Please provide the full name and not an abbreviation)

Name of Theory Text Used (e.g., Clendinning/Marvin, Kostka/Payne, Laitz, etc.):

Degree Sought (Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts): _____

Music Emphasis (performance, education, composition, etc.): _____

Instrument or Voice Type: _____

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MUSIC THEORY & MUSICIANSHIP TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

Students should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies to determine which music classes will transfer to the University of Utah, (call the School of Music Office at 801-581-6762 to be connected to the Director of Undergraduate Studies). Students should also contact Dr. Ning Lu about the keyboard proficiency requirements (ning.lu@music.utah.edu, 801-587-9376).

All transfer students must take the capstone exam to determine music theory and musicianship competency that will be proctored by Dr. Michael Chikinda, Music Theory Area Chair, (m.chikinda@utah.edu, 801-581-8420). For information on the date, time and location of the capstone theory exam, please visit <http://music.utah.edu/students/undergraduate-students.php>.

Here is a list of the courses for which capstone exams are available: MUSC 1110 – Music Theory I (the first semester of the theory sequence), MUSC 1120 – Music Theory II (the second semester of the theory sequence), and MUSC 2110 – Music Theory III (the third semester of the theory sequence). Here is the recommended course of action to take:

- 1) determine how many semesters of music theory you took at your previous institution; for example, a student who is transferring to the U.U. School of Music and has taken one year of music theory must write the MUSC 1120 capstone exam (if the student had taken two years of music theory, she/he must write the MUSC 2110 capstone exam. A student who has only taken one semester of music theory must write the MUSC 1110 capstone exam).

- 2) in the meantime, a student who has taken one year of music theory may *provisionally* enroll in MUSC 2110; if the student achieves a satisfactory grade on the capstone exam, then they may remain in MUSC 2110; conversely, if the student does not achieve a satisfactory grade on the capstone exam, then they must drop MUSC 2110 and enroll in MUSC 1120 (in the case of the student who has taken two years of music theory, they may *provisionally* make plans to enroll in MUSC 3560 - Form & Analysis - in the fall semester & MUSC 3550 - 20th-/21st-Century Styles & Techniques - in the spring semester*; if the student achieves a satisfactory grade on the capstone exam, then they may enroll in MUSC 3560 in the fall semester; conversely, if the student does not achieve a satisfactory grade on the capstone exam, then they must instead enroll in MUSC 2110 in the fall semester).

- 3) once a student has received official results from the theory-area head, they should follow the instructions outlined in step 2 above for class enrollment. Next, if the result of the music theory capstone exam was satisfactory, the student will then need to take an **aural-skills exam** that will be proctored by Dr. Pamela Palmer Jones the following week (the date, time and location will be sent to you via email along with the results of the capstone exam). If the result of the music theory capstone exam was not satisfactory, then the student will not take an aural-skills exam and, instead, must enroll in the aural-skills class that corresponds to the required music theory class. For example, if a student took the MUSC 2110 capstone exam and did not achieve a satisfactory grade, then, in addition to enrolling in MUSC 2110, the student must also enroll in MUSC 2130 (Aural Skills III), the corresponding musicianship class.

4) What if a student achieved a satisfactory grade for the music theory capstone exam but does not achieve a satisfactory grade for the corresponding aural-skills exam? In this case, the student may proceed to the next level in the theory sequence but must remediate the level of aural skills not successfully demonstrated in the aural-skills exam. Let us take the example of a student who achieved a satisfactory grade on the MUSC 1120 capstone exam but did not do so for the first-year aural-skills exam. In this case, the student would still enroll in MUSC 2110 but must enroll in MUSC 1130 (Aural Skills II) - instead of 2130 - in order to continue working on first-year aural skills. Likewise, if a student achieved a satisfactory grade on the MUSC 2110 capstone exam but did not do so for the second-year aural-skills exam, the student would still enroll in MUSC 3560, but must concurrently enroll in MUSC 2130, in the fall semester, in order to continue working on second-year aural skills.

5) please note that capstone exams are not given for 3000- or 4000-level courses.

***Permission is given to transfer students only to take the junior-level theory sequence out of order** (i.e., Form & Analysis, MUSC 3560, in the fall and then 20th-/21st-Century Styles & Techniques, MUSC 3550, in the spring).

Below is a list of the textbooks, presently in use, and the textbook chapters that a student must master in order to pass the capstone exams for each level. Much of this may be review, but **you should study the books and workbooks before you take the capstone exams**. The textbooks are available in the McKay and/or the Marriott Library (consult the library search engine to determine if it is available as a hard copy or as an online resource), and both the textbooks & workbooks are available to purchase in the University Bookstore (<http://www.bookstore.utah.edu/utah/home.aspx>).

Theory Semester I

MUSC 1110 – Music Theory I

Steven G. Laitz. *The Complete Musician: An Integrated Approach to Tonal Theory, Analysis, and Listening*, 4th edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015). **Review:** up to and including Chapter 8, “More Contrapuntal Expansions...” – also review the relevant exercises in the accompanying workbook.

Theory Semester II

MUSC 1120 – Music Theory II

Steven G. Laitz. *The Complete Musician: An Integrated Approach to Tonal Theory, Analysis, and Listening*, 4th edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). **Review:** up to and including Chapter 16, “Other Small Musical Structures...” – also review the relevant exercises in the accompanying workbook.

Aural Skills Semesters I & II

MUSC 1130/40 – Aural Skills I/II

Gary S. Karpinski, *Manual for Ear Training & Sight Singing* and *Anthology for Sight Singing*,

2nd ed. (New York, W.W. Norton & Company, 2017). **Review:** contact Dr. Pam Jones for details (pam.jones@utah.edu)

Theory Semester III

MUSC 2110 – Music Theory III

Steven G. Laitz. *The Complete Musician: An Integrated Approach to Tonal Theory, Analysis, and Listening*, 3rd edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). **Review:** up to Chapter 30, “Melody & Harmonic Symmetry Combine: Chromatic Sequences” (please **omit** Chapters 20, 25, 26, and 27) – also review the relevant exercises in the accompanying workbook.

Aural Skills Semesters III & IV

MUSC 2130/40 – Aural Skills III/IV

Gary S. Karpinski, *Manual for Ear Training & Sight Singing* and *Anthology for Sight Singing*,

2nd ed. (New York, W.W. Norton & Company, 2017). **Review:** contact Dr. Pam Jones for details (pam.jones@utah.edu)

For further information on the capstone exam for music theory, or to request add codes, please email Dr. Michael Chikinda (m.chikinda@utah.edu, 801-581-7813) and for aural skills please email Dr. Pam Jones (pam.jones@utah.edu, 801-581-7247).

Students with general questions about academic requirements in the *School of Music* should contact Dr. Jane Hatter, Director of Undergraduate Studies, (jane.hatter@utah.edu) or Jenn McLaurin, (jennifer.mclaurin@utah.edu), Academic Advising Coordinator.

Practice capstone exams for music theory are available at the following webpage:
<http://music.utah.edu/students/undergraduate-students.php>

Students who feel that they need extra assistance with theory, beyond office hours, are encouraged to contact the McKay Music Library (801-581-6691), which has free, qualified tutors available:
<https://music.utah.edu/mckay-music-library/student-services.php>