

The University of Calgary  
Faculty of Arts  
School of Creative and Performing Arts  
Music

Course Outline

**MUSI 613: Seminar in Theory and Composition**

Topic: Pitch, Timbre, Time and Form in Selected Canadian Compositions

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Sem 01 MWF 13:00 CH F210

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T 13:00-15:00 F 14:00-16:00

**Description**

Advanced creative and analytic approaches to the study of selected repertoire with an emphasis upon contemporary music.

**Outcomes**

Focussing on contemporary Canadian repertoire and through selected readings, analysis, and creative exercises, this course will explore the role of pitch and timbre in the generation of contemporary musical forms as well as the role of new approaches to rhythm (micro-, meso- and macro) in the control of the flow of musical time.

Through seminar presentations and critical dialogue, students will develop an advanced vocabulary for dealing with the structural and aesthetic issues inherent in contemporary music.

**Resources**

The principal resource for scores and recordings is the Canadian Music Centre (Taylor Family Digital Library – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) or **[musiccentre.ca](http://musiccentre.ca)**

All readings will be web-based or excerpts provided by the instructor.

**Term Paper**

- Approved topic, due date for proposal (one paragraph abstract) November 2
- Fifteen page maximum analytic/critical paper (including musical examples and bibliography/footnotes, 12 pt. font, default 1.5 line spacing)
- The quality of the prose will affect the quality of the argument and therefore the quality of the grade.

**Grading**

5 Seminar presentations	40%
5 Creative sketches	20%
Term Paper	20%
Critical contributions	20%

There is no final examination.

**Grade Translation**

<b>A+</b> 97-100	<b>A</b> 93-96	<b>A-</b> 90-92
<b>B+</b> 85-89	<b>B</b> 80-84	<b>B-</b> 75-79
<b>C+</b> 70-74	<b>C</b> 65-69	<b>C-</b> 60-64
<b>D</b> 50-59		
<b>F</b> 0-49		

<b>Grading scale</b>	For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section G.1 Distribution of Grades of the Graduate Calendar for 2016-2017:		
	Grade	GPA	Graduate Description
	A+	4.00	Outstanding
	A	4.00	Excellent - superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.
	A-	3.70	Very good performance
	B+	3.30	Good performance
	B	3.00	Satisfactory performance
	B-	2.70	Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies
	C+	2.30	All grades below "B-" are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements. Individual programs may require a higher passing grade.
	C	2.00	
	C-	1.70	
	D+	1.30	
	D	1.00	
	F	0.00	

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