

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

MUSI 313: Materials of Twentieth-Century Music

COURSE OUTLINE

Winter 2021

ONLINE COURSE: Synchronous Zoom Lectures

MWF 10:00 – 10:50

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There will be no scheduled Office Hours. Students should direct all questions to the instructor, via their UC email.

Description

Compositional and analytical approaches to post-tonal music from the twentieth century to the present.

Outcomes

Through creative exercises and analysis, students will study the materials of post-tonal music including: the melodic and harmonic resources derived from modality, atonality, twelve-tone techniques and serialism; pitch centricity and symmetry; polyrhythm, multimetre and controlled aleatory; and, both open and closed forms. Students will use new approaches to the analysis of music, with a focus upon pitch-class set theory. Students will also listen carefully to selected repertoire.

By the completion of the course, successful students will be able to: analyze the pitch, rhythmic, and formal elements of post-tonal compositions from 1900 to the present; make creative use of the materials studied in the course; develop and defend a perspective, based on analytic evidence, on compositions using post-tonal materials.

Text

Straus, Joseph, *Introduction to Post-Tonal Theory* (4th Ed)

Assessment

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| Assignments (weekly) | 65% |
| Analysis Project | 20% |
| Composition Project | 15% |

Note: there is no mid-term test or final examination for this course.

The assignments and the analysis project will be graded under the following conditions:

- Submitted early (prior to 4:00 pm on the day before the due date) - as marked **plus** half a grade point (eg. B to B+)
- Submitted on time (prior to 6:00 pm on the due date) - as marked
- Contact the instructor **in advance** of the deadline if there is a need for an extension, which will be granted for compellingly valid reasons (health, etc). Otherwise, the instructor will not grade a late assignment or project.

Assignments

All assignments must be **typewritten** or, when the solution requires, **notated using computer notation software**. Students will submit assignments as .pdf files (Surname_Assignment#.pdf, with an additional _Part# if required) to the Dropbox on the D2L for the course. The instructor will not grade handwritten assignments. For those assignments that require analytic marking on the score in the text, students will submit a photo or scan of the page(s) transformed to a .pdf file.

Students who do not already have notation software can obtain free versions of either MuseScore (<https://musescore.org/en/download>) for Mac or PC, or NoteabilityPro (<http://debussy.music.ubc.ca/download.html>) for Mac.

Analysis Project

This project comprises a two-page essay – with additional pages for musical examples and diagrams – that takes an analytical point of view upon an assigned piece of music (to be announced in class). The essay will begin with a clear statement of what the author intends to prove – what musical element provides musical coherence to the piece – and then will proceed to provide the evidence for that contention. The paper may end with a short paragraph providing some context for the music. No paper will receive a passing grade unless the prose is clear and comprehensible: the writer presents the ideas in such a manner that the reader can easily follow the reasoning. Clear prose is free of typographical, orthographical, and grammatical.

Composition Project

The composition will be a short etude for piano, notated and “performed” using computer notation software. The maximum duration will be one minute and thirty seconds. The instructor will provide the class with the opening material for the etude and students will explore and develop that material. Students will present their pieces during the last two classes of the term. There are four possible grades for this project:

- F: No composition
- C: Composition presented, students only attend session when their composition occurs
- B: Composition presented, students attend both sessions

- A: Composition presented, composition demonstrates imaginative, musical approach to the material, students attend both sessions

Dates

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| Analysis Project | April 3 |
| Composition | April 12 or 14 |

Plagiarism

Students are encouraged to discuss assignments with their colleagues with the aim of fully understanding the materials in the course. However, in the event that two or more students submit exactly the same solutions to all of the questions on an assignment (where it is obvious that one person must have copied from another), both papers will receive the grade of F and a warning. A repeat will be considered a contravention of the University's policy regarding Academic Integrity and will be reported to the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts for disciplinary action.

Grading

| Grade | Grade Point Value | Description |
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| A+ | 4.00 | Outstanding performance |
| A | 4.00 | Excellent performance |
| A- | 3.70 | Approaching excellent performance |
| B+ | 3.30 | Exceeding good performance |
| B | 3.00 | Good performance |
| B- | 2.70 | Approaching good performance |
| C+ | 2.30 | Exceeding satisfactory performance |
| C | 2.00 | Satisfactory performance |
| C- | 1.70 | Approaching satisfactory performance. |
| D+ | 1.30 | Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject |
| D | 1.00 | Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject. |
| F | 0.00 | Failure. Did not meet course requirements. Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable. |
| I | 0.00 | Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted. |
| CR | | Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable |

Learning Technologies and Requirements

There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials (see d2L.ucalgary.ca).

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Broadband internet connection.

Most current laptops will have a built-in webcam, speaker and microphone.

Guidelines for Zoom Sessions

Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a “live” video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor’s permission.

The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect (as per the [Code of Conduct](#)). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions (such as MS Teams), you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behaviour in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies (e.g. [Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy](#)). If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your zoom sessions visit: <https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/>.

If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.).

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

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