MUSIC (MUS)

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000-4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master’s, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

MUS 1000. Dean's Seminar. 3 Credits.
The Dean’s Seminars provide Columbian College first-year students focused scholarship on specific intellectual challenges. Topics vary by semester. Consult the Schedule of Classes for more details. Restricted to First-year students in CCAS.

MUS 1061. Instrumental Ensemble. 1 Credit.
Chamber ensemble groups are approved by audition. Section numbers are .11 guitar ensemble, .12 percussion ensemble, .13 jazz combo, .14 keyboard ensemble, .15 string ensemble, .16 woodwind ensemble, .17 brass ensemble, .18 Baroque ensemble, .19 Latin band, .20 blues band.

MUS 1071. Jazz Band. 1 Credit.
Preparation and performance of classic and contemporary "big band" literature. Prerequisite: audition before director.

MUS 1081. Orchestra. 0-1 Credits.
Preparation and performance of orchestral literature. Prerequisite: audition before director.

MUS 1083. University Band. 0-1 Credits.
Consisting of two ensembles: The University Symphonic Band and GW Colonial Brass. See schedule of classes for section information. Audition before director required.

MUS 1091. University Singers. 0-1 Credits.
Preparation and performance of choral literature. Prerequisite: audition before director. Section .10 is University Singers; Section .11 is Chamber Choir.

MUS 1093. University Singers/Chamber Choir. 1 Credit.
Preparation and performance of choral literature. Section .10 is University Singers; Section .11 is Chamber Choir. Prerequisite: audition before director.

MUS 1095. Vocal Theater Workshop. 1 Credit.
Development of body awareness for the stage, acting improvisations, and character development. Scenes chosen from the opera, operetta, and musical theater repertoire. Musical coaching, use of makeup, and audition preparation.

MUS 1101. Elements of Music Theory. 3 Credits.
Elements necessary for the study of music, including practical musicianship and musical notations; develops skills in music reading, writing, and aural acuity.

MUS 1102. Comprehensive Musicianship I. 3 Credits.
Aural and keyboard skills development through dictation, sight singing, and performance and improvisation at the keyboard. Prerequisite: MUS 1101.

MUS 1103. Music in the Western World. 3 Credits.
Introductory history of musical styles, related to listening; study of music materials and media. Not open to music majors.

MUS 1104. Topics in Music. 3 Credits.
A rotating set of classes; topics may include: American music, a composer, the opera, and musical life in Washington, D.C.

MUS 1105. Introduction to Musical Thought and Practice. 3 Credits.
Introduction to concepts, methods, and practices that guide the study and performance of music. Old and new paradigms of musical thought are subject to discussion and critical investigation.

MUS 1106. Introduction to Musical Performance and Experience. 3 Credits.
Through discussion, writing, and performance, students engage with issues such as the putative transcendent character of music, the false divisions between interpretation, improvisation, and composition, and the impact of modernity on expressive culture. Placing their own processes of musical decision making within these conceptual frames allows students to interrogate and develop their performative and social selves. Restricted to Register for this course in the Music department.

MUS 1107. Music of the World. 3 Credits.
Introduction to music in culture through comparative study of music from a variety of cultures worldwide.

MUS 1108. History of Jazz. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the styles, composers, and performers of jazz music from its origins to the present.

MUS 1151. Conducting. 3 Credits.
Technique of conducting, score reading, rehearsal procedures, analysis, and interpretation of selected musical literature; practice in conducting. Prerequisite: MUS 2101.
MUS 2102. Comprehensive Musicianship II. 3 Credits.
Aural and keyboard skills development through dictation, sight singing, and performance and improvisation at the keyboard. Prerequisite: MUS 2101.

MUS 2105. Introduction to Ethnomusicology. 3 Credits.
Models of understanding music as a cultural endeavor. Application and critique of models in the design and execution of student independent field research. Same as ANTH 2505. Prerequisite: MUS 1101 or ANTH 1002 or ANTH 1004 or permission of instructor.

MUS 2105W. Introduction to Ethnomusicology. 3 Credits.
Models of understanding music as a cultural endeavor. Application and critique of models in the design and execution of student independent field research. Same as ANTH 2505. Prerequisite: MUS 1101 or ANTH 1002 or ANTH 1004 or permission of instructor.

MUS 2106. Music History III: 20th-Century Art Traditions. 3 Credits.
Western musical traditions and styles since Romanticism and approaches to music as art in contemporary society. Prerequisite: MUS 1101.

MUS 2122. Music in the US. 3 Credits.
History of music and musical life in the United States, emphasizing relationships among traditions of diverse origin. Prerequisite: MUS 1101 or permission of instructor.

MUS 2122W. Music in the US. 3 Credits.
History of music and musical life in the United States, emphasizing relationships among traditions of diverse origin. Prerequisite: MUS 1101 or permission of instructor. Same as MUS 2122.

MUS 2123. Musical Cultures of Black Americans. 3 Credits.
Musical genres and styles developed by African Americans since Reconstruction in their historical and cultural contexts. Emphasis on black musical contributions to the cultural life of Washington, D.C.

MUS 2134. Composition. 3 Credits.
Introduction to 21st-century compositional practice; concepts of post-tonal analysis; emphasis on style studies and original student works. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: MUS 2101.

MUS 2140. Pedagogy. 3 Credits.
Principles, materials, and methods of teaching in selected areas. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

MUS 2173. Comprehensive Musicianship for Jazz. 2 Credits.
Aural and keyboard skills development through dictation, sight singing, and performance and improvisation at the keyboard, with emphasis given to skills associated with jazz performance. Prerequisite: MUS 1102.

MUS 2174. Introduction to Jazz Harmony. 3 Credits.
Analysis and composition of tunes in jazz/pop styles. Study of rhythmic characteristics, voice-leading, and chord scale relationships within a jazz context. Prerequisite: MUS 1102.

MUS 2318. Orchestral Instrument. 2 Credits.
Prerequisite: Open by examination.

MUS 2661. Electronic and Computer Music I. 3 Credits.
Fundamental electronic and computer music concepts. Analog and digital sound synthesis techniques and theory, MIDI, studio recording techniques, signal processing, properties of sound, acoustics and psycho-acoustics, history and aesthetics. Laboratory fee.

MUS 2662. Electronic and Computer Music II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of MUS 2661. Fundamental electronic and computer music concepts. Analog and digital sound synthesis techniques and theory, MIDI, studio recording techniques, signal processing, properties of sound, acoustics and psycho-acoustics, history and aesthetics. Laboratory fee. MUS 2661 is prerequisite to MUS 2662.

MUS 3126. Music History I: Antiquity through Early Baroque. 3 Credits.
The development of Western European music from its earliest traceable roots to the end of the early, experimental Baroque period. Prerequisite: MUS 1102 and sophomore standing.

MUS 3127. Music History II: The Tonal Era. 3 Credits.
Styles, structures, social foundations and aesthetic change in European music of the late 17th through the late 19th centuries. Prerequisite: MUS 1102.

MUS 3127W. Music History II: Tonal Era. 3 Credits.
Styles, structures, social foundations and aesthetic change in European music of the late 17th through the late 19th centuries. Prerequisite: MUS 1102.

MUS 3139. Form and Analysis. 3 Credits.
Analysis of musical forms in representative musical literature. Prerequisite: MUS 2101.

MUS 3139W. Form and Analysis. 3 Credits.
Analysis of musical forms in representative musical literature. Prerequisite: MUS 2101.

MUS 3174. Topics in Music Theory and Composition. 3 Credits.
A seminar on variable topics in the discipline of music theory, analysis, and composition. Topics may include analysis of post-tonal music, advanced jazz arranging, analysis of 14th-century vocal music, developments in extended instrumental techniques since 1950. Prerequisites depend on the topic; consult the department.

MUS 3175. Topics in Music History and Literature. 3 Credits.
A seminar on variable topics in music history and literature in all traditions and styles. Topics may include German musical Romanticism, introduction to critical musicology, the music of Josquin des Prez, and vernacular music in Washington, D.C. Prerequisites depend on the topic; consult the department.
MUS 3175W. Topics in Music History & Lit. 3 Credits.
A seminar on variable topics in music history and literature in all traditions and styles. Topics may include German musical Romanticism, introduction to critical musicology, the music of Josquin des Prez, and vernacular music in Washington, D.C. Prerequisites depend on the topic; consult the department.

MUS 4085. Advanced Performance Study. 3 Credits.
Prerequisite: Open by examination.

MUS 4184. Advanced Composition. 3 Credits.
Private instruction in composition in tutorial format.
Prerequisite: MUS 2134.

MUS 4198. Senior Seminar. 1 Credit.
Restricted to music majors in their final spring semester. Presentations of required senior projects in process; readings and discussion to place the projects in a broader musical and intellectual context. Corequisite: MUS 4199 or any upper-division private performance study course.

MUS 4199. Independent Research. 1-4 Credits.
Under the guidance of an assigned instructor. May be repeated for credit. Majors in their senior year take MUS 4198 as a corequisite.

MUS 4199W. Independent Research. 1-4 Credits.
Under the guidance of an assigned instructor. May be repeated for credit. Majors in their senior year take MUS 4198 as a corequisite.