

Individual Composition Study
MUC 3231, MUC 4241, MUS 4905, MUC 6930, MUC 7931, MUS 7979, MUS 7980

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Course Description: Individual instruction in the craft and art of contemporary music composition through guided exercises, score study, discussions, and composition projects.

Course Requirements: Students will complete all assigned readings, analyses, and compositions on time, and attend every weekly scheduled meeting with the instructor. Students will compose a minimum of eight minutes of music per semester and make every effort to have their compositions performed in public. A listening journal of no less than 32 pieces, including suggestions and assignments from the instructor, will be presented at the end of the semester. Students will present a portfolio of their work for the full composition faculty at composition juries on the Monday of finals week. All students studying composition are required to attend the weekly composition forum, Fridays at 12:50, room 144.

Materials: manuscript paper, computer with notation software and sound editing software if applicable

Schedule of Topics and Activities: (tentative and subject to change)

Topics covered will include, but are not limited to:

- Generating composition material
- Strategies and techniques for developing, extending, and manipulating material
- Working within compositional constraints and limitations
- Creating variety and contrast
- Manipulating non-pitched parameters
- Employment of compositional processes
- Contemporary notation

Grading: Based on a weekly evaluation of your efforts. The composition jury grade will be included as 25% of your total grade for the course.

Grading will be consistent with university regulations regarding grading (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>)

Attendance: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in the course are consistent with university policies. See <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/> for more information regarding the University Attendance Policies.

Students requiring accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center. See <https://disability.ufl.edu/get-started/> on the Disability Resource Center site. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/> . Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/> . Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

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