

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

MUSI 441
Composition III

COURSE OUTLINE

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Lec /Lab 01 T 9:00 CH-E215

Instructor

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Description

Advanced creative work with an emphasis upon either chamber music composition or studio composition.

Outcomes

The course will focus upon the creative application of compositional craft. In addition to some introductory etudes, students will complete two compositions described below in which they demonstrate their ability to develop their musical materials in a coherent and dramatically convincing manner over an extended (multi-movement) duration. Students will also develop a vocabulary for constructive critique of the work of their colleagues.

The completed compositions will be for the following forces:

1. A duo for a selected orchestral instrument (percussion is excluded) and piano.
2. A trio for a homogenous ensemble of single line orchestral instruments (for example, three saxophones (SAT or ATBar), three clarinets (2 Bb and bass or 3 Bb), three trumpets, string trio, etc. A percussion trio must include only keyboard percussion instruments.

Activities

The course will begin with introductory work on a three stage creative process: idea generation, idea exploration, longitudinal realization. Then, students will present work-in-progress for critique by their colleagues and the instructor. Discussions will also focus upon creative strategies and specific compositional issues relating to craft.

Grading

Class Participation	
Work in progress	20%
Critical contribution	20%
Composition Portfolio	40%
Performance	10%
Professional Commitment	10%

Students must satisfactorily complete every subsection of the above in order to pass the course as a whole. Students will submit the composition portfolio as computer-notated bound scores that meet the standards of the profession. Both compositions must be submitted and performed during the Student Composer Recital Hour (dates to be determined). Professional commitment entails the following: providing professional-level parts in time for rehearsal for performance (multi-stand parts or parts with improper page-turns are un-professional); and attendance at new-music concerts and other composer-oriented events.

Grading scale	For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2016-2017:		
	Grade	GPA	Description
	A+	4.00	Outstanding.
	A	4.00	Excellent – superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
	A-	3.70	Approaching excellence
	B+	3.30	Exceeding good performance
	B	3.00	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
	B-	2.70	Approaching good performance
	C+	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance
	C	2.00	Satisfactory – basic understanding of the subject matter.
	C-	1.70	Approaching satisfactory performance. Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation. (See individual undergraduate faculty regulations.)
	D+	1.30	Marginal pass – insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject
	D	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
	F	0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements.

Academic accommodation	<p>Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.</p> <p>The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf</p>
Academic integrity, plagiarism	<p>The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the section on plagiarism in the University Calendar (ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html) and are reminded that plagiarism—using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it—is an extremely serious academic offence. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre (TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.</p>
SCPA Librarian	<p>Marc Stoeckle, MLIS, BA Learning & Services Librarian for School of Creative & Performing Arts and School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures & Cultures Libraries & Cultural Resources, University of Calgary Ph: 403.220.6777, Email: mstoeckle@ucalgary.ca, Office: TFDL 160D</p>
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