

Virginia Commonwealth University
Department of Music

Syllabus – Fall, 2005
MHIS 145 Integrated Theory
Section 003

Instructor:	Dr. Bruce Hammel	Time:	MWF 9:00am – 9:50am
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Prerequisite: There are no prerequisites for this class.

Required Text:

The Musician's Guide Series:
Workbook
Anthology + 3CDs

There are additional resources and information available on the www.vcutheory.org web site and other sites linked to this page.

Required material:

The students are required to provide staff paper (lots of staff paper), pencils (preferably Mechanic Pencils), erasers, and a Clipcase for this class.

Course Description and Objectives:

This course is intended to create a foundation of knowledge and skill in musicianship. This aptitude is defined within the three areas of mastery: written theory, aural skills, and keyboard understanding. Growth and development in all three areas is essential this class and all remaining MHIS Integrated Theory courses.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to attend class to obtain information and opportunities to increase their musical aptitude. Written assignments may be given out during the class session and the due date will be announced for each assignment. The assignments may require building skills through repetition and performing keyboard and aural skills. In addition to lecture information during class, the official university email system will be used for correspondence. Everyone is required to obtain and maintain use of an official Virginia Commonwealth University email address.

Absence:

Attendance will be taken for each scheduled meeting time. There are only 40 scheduled meetings for this course and a lack of attending will result in a lack of knowledge and skill building. For each unexcused absence, 1% will be deducted from your final grade. Excused absences will not count against your final grade. An excused absence is defined as family problems, car trouble, or health emergencies. Please contact the instructor at the earliest

convenience of your absences so it may be excused. Email or at the beginning of the next class will be considered “at earliest convenience”.

Additional Information:

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 require Virginia Commonwealth University to provide an 'academic adjustment' and/or a 'reasonable accommodation' to any individual who advises us of a physical or mental disability. If you have a physical or mental limitation that requires an academic adjustment or an accommodation, please arrange a meeting with me at your earliest convenience. Additionally, if your course work requires you to work in a lab environment, you should advise the instructor or department chairperson of any concerns you may have regarding safety issues related to your limitation(s).

Please inform the instructor if there are any needs that you have prior to the first assignment's due date.

Evaluation and Grading:

Each assignment, exam, and evaluations will be assigned a percentage grade. The final grade for MHIS 145 will be determined by the following:

Assigned Homework	50%	
Exams	30%	(three exams each 10%)
Keyboard Evaluations	20%	(two keyboard evaluations 10% each)
Final Exam	10%	

Total % - 1% per unexcused absence = Final Grade

The determination of the letter grade will follow the University system of a 10% grade range reflected in the following:

100 – 90	=	A
89 – 80	=	B
79 – 70	=	C
69 – 60	=	D
59 and below	=	F