



MUSC11405 *Language of Modern Music 1*

Term 1 - 2020

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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will be introduced to foundational aspects of the language of modern music as derived from both the western art-music tradition and contemporary popular music styles. You will study music theory elements covering introductory aspects of pitch, rhythm, pulse, tempo, articulation and expression. You will apply this knowledge in a range of activities applicable to this study.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2020

- Cairns
- Mackay
- Online
- Townsville

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

4. **In-class Test(s)**

Weighting: 25%

5. **In-class Test(s)**

Weighting: 45%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student evaluations

Feedback

Assessment feedback

Recommendation

Manage timelines for assessment to provide relevant and timely feedback for students

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Complete music writing tasks using the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords as derived from the western art-music tradition and contemporary popular music styles at an introductory level
2. Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level music writing assignments
3. Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level aural-related tasks

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Written Assessment - 10%		•	
2 - Written Assessment - 10%		•	
3 - Written Assessment - 10%		•	
4 - In-class Test(s) - 25%			•
5 - In-class Test(s) - 45%	•		

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Communication	•	•	•

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy			
5 - Team Work			
6 - Information Technology Competence		•	
7 - Cross Cultural Competence			
8 - Ethical practice			
9 - Social Innovation			
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures			

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 10%	•	•	•			•				
2 - Written Assessment - 10%	•	•	•			•				
3 - Written Assessment - 10%	•	•	•			•				
4 - In-class Test(s) - 25%	•	•	•							
5 - In-class Test(s) - 45%	•	•	•							

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 09 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 1		

Week 2 - 16 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 2		

Week 3 - 23 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 3		

Week 4 - 30 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 4		Worksheet 1 Due: Week 4 Monday (30 Mar 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 5 - 06 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 5		

Vacation Week - 13 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 6 - 20 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 5		

Week 7 - 27 Apr 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 6		

Week 8 - 04 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 6		

Week 9 - 11 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 7		Worksheet 2 Due: Week 9 Monday (11 May 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 10 - 18 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Theory Topic 8

Music Theory Quiz Due: Week 10
Thursday (21 May 2020) 11:45 pm
AEST

Week 11 - 25 May 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Theory Topic 9		

Week 12 - 01 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision		Worksheet 3 Due: Week 12 Monday (1 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 08 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 15 Jun 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		In-class Test(s) Due: Exam Week Friday (19 June 2020) 5:00 pm AEST

Term Specific Information

Students are encouraged to purchase the musical software program Sibelius. There are pay-by-the-month options for students on the Sibelius website. If this is not possible, Finale Notepad and MuseScore are free options. Note that throughout your study in Music at CQU, you will be using notation software in multiple units, so it is important to choose a quality program. Staff recommend Sibelius due to the functionality and online support/troubleshoot network.

Assessment Tasks

1 Worksheet 1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Weighting: 10%

The purpose of these music theory worksheets is to build your music theory skills through creative music-writing activities. You will need to complete these tasks using music notation software on your computer. The finished product should be uploaded as a **PDF** file.

Music notation software:

You can use any of the following software packages:

- **Finale Notepad** ([free download available here](#)). This is the recommended software.
- **Sibelius**. If you have already purchased this software and have a license to use this on your computer, you may use this software.

Presentation:

This worksheet is to be saved as a **PDF file** and submitted online through the unit website. Details about electronic submission are available on the website.

Task:

Create 6 original 16-bar rhythm patterns using **each** of the following time-signatures:

- simple duple
- simple triple
- simple quadruple
- compound duple
- compound triple
- compound quadruple

Each rhythm pattern must include examples of:

- rests
- dotted notes
- triplets or duplets
- semiquavers

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Monday (30 Mar 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Upload via Moodle site

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Monday (20 Apr 2020)

Moodle

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

Assessment criteria

All assessment criteria are equally weighted:

1. Accurate completion of each rhythm pattern.
2. Inclusion of all musical requirements.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level music writing assignments

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Technology Competence

2 Worksheet 2

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Weighting: 10%

The purpose of these music theory worksheets is to build your music theory skills through creative music-writing activities. You will need to complete these tasks using music notation software on your computer. The finished product should be uploaded as a **PDF** file.

Music notation software:

You can use any of the following software packages:

- **Finale Notepad** ([free download available here](#)). This is the recommended software.
- **Sibelius**. If you have already purchased this software and have a license to use this on your computer, you may use this software.

Presentation:

This worksheet is to be saved as a **PDF file** and submitted online through the unit website. Details about electronic submission are available on the website.

Task:

1. Create a lead sheet from one of the provided lead sheets on the Moodle assessment page. The lead sheet consists of vocal line/melody, words and chords. It should also include all repeats, tempo markings, title, composer, lyricist.
2. Transpose this song up a tone.
3. Transpose this song down a tone.
4. Present all 3 lead sheets as **PDF files** for assessment.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Monday (11 May 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Upload via Moodle site

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Monday (25 May 2020)

Moodle

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria**Assessment criteria**

All assessment criteria are equally weighted:

1. Accurate completion of each lead sheet.
2. Inclusion of all musical requirements.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level music writing assignments

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Technology Competence

3 Worksheet 3

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

The purpose of these music theory worksheets is to build your music theory skills through creative music-writing activities. You will need to complete these tasks using music notation software on your computer. The finished product should be uploaded as a **PDF** file.

Music notation software:

You can use any of the following software packages:

- **Finale Notepad** ([free download available here](#)). This is the recommended software.
- **Sibelius**. If you have already purchased this software and have a license to use this on your computer, you may use this software.

Presentation:

This worksheet is to be saved as a PDF file document and submitted online through the unit website. Details about electronic submission are available on the website.

Task:

1. You will be provided with a 16 bar chord progression
2. The rhythm will also be provided for you to use
3. You must add notes to the provided rhythms in order to create the melody
4. When choosing the notes, you must use chord tones in majority however, you may also use diatonic passing tones also.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Monday (1 June 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Upload via Moodle Site

Return Date to Students

Exam Week Monday (15 June 2020)

Moodle

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

Assessment criteria

All assessment criteria are equally weighted:

1. Accurate completion of the piece.
2. Correct usage of chord tones relating to the given progression.
3. Correct use of diatonic passing tones to the given progression.
4. Degree of creativity in composing the melody.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level music writing assignments

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Technology Competence

4 Music Theory Quiz

Assessment Type

In-class Test(s)

Task Description

MKY & DISTANCE

Students will undertake **two (2)** quizzes based on the content in the Music Theory Workbooks. These quizzes are designed to provide formative feedback on the Workbook material.

Quiz 1: (12.5%)

The first quiz will test students on material covered in the Music Theory Workbook **Topics 1-4**.

Students must complete this quiz between the dates of: **6th April, 2020 - 9th April, 2020**. Students will log into Moodle and complete this quiz at anytime that suits between these dates.

Quiz 2: (12.5%)

The second quiz will test students on material covered in the Music Theory Workbook **Topics 5-7**.

Students must complete this quiz between the dates of: **18th May, 2020 - 21st May, 2020**. Students will log into Moodle and complete this quiz at anytime that suits between these dates.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Thursday (21 May 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Upload via moodle site.

Return Date to Students

Week 10 Friday (22 May 2020)

Quiz results will be available immediately after the completion of each quiz.

Weighting

25%

Assessment Criteria

Each quiz is worth (12.5%). Total Assessment is worth (25%)

1. Accurate completion of all musical tasks.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply your knowledge of the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords to various introductory level aural-related tasks

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

5 In-class Test(s)

Assessment Type

In-class Test(s)

Task Description

Music theory test (45%)

This test will consist of music theory questions relating to the work covered in the topics of the unit.

MKY & DISTANCE: Class test schedules will be posted on the Moodle unit website.

Distance students may sit their class tests (Assessment item 5- Music theory exam) on a CQU campus or may nominate an exam invigilator in their local location. Please see the Moodle unit site for guidelines pertaining to the examination procedures.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Friday (19 June 2020) 5:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

After examination period.

Weighting

45%

Assessment Criteria

Accurate completion of all music theory tasks.

Referencing Style

- [American Psychological Association 6th Edition \(APA 6th edition\)](#)

Submission

Offline

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Complete music writing tasks using the basic rudiments of music relating to pitch, rhythm, keys, scales and chords as derived from the western art-music tradition and contemporary popular music styles at an introductory level

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem