



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



AP MUSIC THEORY
05120842

General Information

Credits: 1.0

Weighted: Yes

Prerequisite: Music Theory I or permission of instructor

Length: Full Year

Format: Meets Daily

Grade: 10 - 12

Course Description

This course is designed for those students who already have a background in music theory. This is a college level course which moves at a fast pace. Topics covered include review of fundamentals of music theory, intervals, scales, modes, part writing, melodic dictation, harmonic dictation, secondary dominants, transposition, modulation, form, and composition. Daily homework assignments will give students practice with the concepts presented in class. Tests, quizzes and homework checks are part of this course. Students are expected to take the AP Music Theory Exam in May.

Course Objectives:

The major objective of this course is to prepare students to take the AP Music Theory Exam in May.

To reach this objective topics are studied in sequential order, building toward a complete knowledge of Common Practice style. A firm understanding of written and aural theory is necessary for the student's success.

Common Assessments:

1. Tests – Fundamentals of Music Theory Reviewed (administered by the end of the first quarter)
2. Mid – Term Exam (administered at mid-point)
3. Practice AP Music Theory Exam (administered several weeks prior to the AP)
4. Composition Project

Major Units of Study:

1. Review of Fundamentals of Music Theory (scales, modes, chords, figured bass, progressions)
2. Chord Notation, cadences, Part writing, Dictation, Sight-singing
3. Advanced Part writing, Score Analysis, form, Dictation, Sight-singing
4. Composition Project

Materials & Texts

The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis: Jane Piper Clendenning and Elizabeth Marvin

The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis Anthology

The Musician's Guide to Theory and Analysis Workbook

Baron's AP Music Theory Review

CDs which accompany these resources.

Summer Assignment

For those students who did not take Music Theory I, there is a summer packet which reviews all Music Theory I material which must be completed before the start of AP Music Theory.