Syllabus for MUT1001 Rudiments of Music Theory  
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MUT 1001 Rudiments of Music Theory is designed to teach students the basics of musical notation and some important features of melody, rhythm, and harmony. It is a preparatory course for further study in music. MUT 1001 is largely an online class, which will be more or less self-paced through a site called TheoryInABox.

At the beginning of the semester, you will receive an email to your Gatorlink account containing login information to the aforementioned website. Once you log in, the site will explain how to get started. The online course is organized through a series of video tutorials, short quizzes, and exams.

The online course assumes no prior training, so if at the beginning it is covering material with which you're already familiar, then grin and bear it. If nothing else, it means you'll likely do well. Either way, conducting the online lessons and taking the quizzes and tests to which they lead are required to pass the course. You will have the whole semester to make it through the entire TheoryInABox course, so if you pace yourself at about one unit per week, you should finish with plenty of time to spare. Generally, the more evenly you pace yourself throughout the semester, the more likely you are to learn the course material effectively.

There are no formal in-person meetings for this course, but I will hold office hours on Mondays from 12:50 PM – 1:40 PM in MUB 311. If this time does not work for you, please email me to work out a more convenient time.

Your grade in this class will be based on your performance in the online component, and once you have completed the course, you will be eligible to enroll in Music Theory 1 next semester or later. All portions of the online course contribute toward your final class grade. The website will keep you updated as to your total percentage. The translation of this score to a final letter grade is as follows:

- F < 60%
- D– = 60% D = 63% D+ = 67%
- C– = 70% C = 73% C+ = 77%
- B– = 80% B = 83% B+ = 87%
- A– = 90 % A = 93%

The progress of students who score low on three consecutive quizzes or exams is automatically halted by the website. Should this occur, please contact me to have your account reactivated, and please carefully study the course material that is giving you trouble. For each time this occurs, one full letter grade will be deducted from your final class grade.

All coursework on the website must be completed by 5PM on the semester’s last day of finals (5/2/14). You must complete all of the online units to pass the course, no matter what your grade average may be.

As with any course at the University of Florida, and indeed in as in everyday life, your honesty and integrity are demanded. Cheating is absolutely forbidden and will be dealt with aggressively. Don’t try it. Recall that when you enrolled at the University of Florida, you agreed to the following statement:

“I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address above.