

Advanced Analysis MMT 252-253

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General Information About the Course

Advanced Analysis MMT 252-253 is a one-year course devoted to the study of Schenkerian theory, particularly Schenker's methods of analysis involving reduction, polyphonic layers, and graphic analytical notation. In the first semester we will be working primarily with fundamental notions—contrapuntal melody, harmonic structure, linear progressions, tonal structure, graphic analysis, techniques of prolongation, and begin applying those to one- and two-part forms. In the second semester we will move into applying these tools to larger forms (ternary and rondo forms, and sonata forms.)

Grading Procedures

You will have a regular series of assignments, taken both from the workbook and from examples at the end of each chapter in the textbook. I will grade each individual exercise for completeness, care, and comprehension of the skill being explored. The exercises for each unit (corresponding to a chapter in the text) are averaged together into a grade for that unit. In any given set of exercises I also include numerous extra credit examples; successful completion of each extra credit example will add 2% to your unit score.

The semester grade for Advanced Analysis will be determined by averaging the scores for each unit. For the second semester course, the score will also include a project consisting of a full Schenkerian-style analysis of a large-scale movement such as a sonata-form or rondo movement.

Attendance and Lateness

The following policies have been adopted by the Department of Musicianship and Music Theory, and apply to all of the department's courses as of Fall Semester, 2006:

1. Attendance: You are allowed absences up to one week's worth of class meetings (i.e., a class with 3 meetings per week = 3 allowed absences), without penalty. Above the allowed maximum, each subsequent absence will result in the loss of 5% from your semester grade for the course, and a Monitoring Report will be sent to the Dean's office.
2. Lateness: Each time you are late to a class, you will lose 1% from your semester grade for the course.
3. Assignments: No late assignments will be accepted. If you are absent from a class for which an assignment is due, it is your responsibility to get your work to your professor, and on time. You are also fully responsible for all material covered in class during your absence.

Textbooks and Supplies

Cadwallader/Gagné: Analysis of Tonal Music: A Schenkerian Approach, Second Edition (Oxford).

Text and workbook are both required. I strongly recommend using Amazon or Barnes & Noble in preference to the online bookstore—particularly in regards to the workbook.

Pencils, manuscript paper and a notebook—never leave home without 'em.

Instructor Availability

My regular office hours will be posted by my office, room 306. If my listed office hours aren't suitable, feel free to contact me to set up an appointment.

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The Departmental Website

The Department of Musicianship and Music Theory maintains a large, active website which is a wonderful resource for students taking classes in the department. Materials pertaining to analysis are particularly rich. You will need to access the site to obtain the assignment sheets for this course, as well as copies of musical examples.

The site is located at: <http://www.sfctheory.com>