

Music Theory Foundations - Course Study Sheet

Course: Music Theory Foundations Cluster: Arts, Design, and Media

Develops notation, rhythm, scales, intervals, harmony, voice leading, analysis, and aural connection.

Five-module course map

Module	Active evidence to produce
1. notation and rhythm	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
2. scales and keys	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
3. intervals and chords	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
4. harmonic function	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.
5. voice leading and analysis	Explain the central idea, complete an application, diagnose one plausible error, and connect it to the next module.

Reliable learning method

hear or perform the example, label accurately, connect sound to notation, analyze function, create a variant, and check by ear

Representative application

Harmonize a short melody, explain chord choices and voice leading, then perform or play back the result to revise it.

Weekly study cycle

1. Preview the objective and write two questions. 2. Attend or engage and capture decisions rather than every sentence. 3. Reconstruct the main idea within 24 hours. 4. Complete independent practice. 5. Analyze the first unsupported move on each error. 6. Use feedback. 7. Schedule a delayed mixed recheck.

Self-check before moving on

Can you explain the idea without notes, complete a fresh task, detect a near-miss, verify the result, and state a limitation? Watch especially for: completing written labels without hearing relationships or following rules without musical context.

What to save

a theory portfolio with notation, analysis, keyboard or aural check, composition, and revision

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