

BMU213 Music Theory in Practice

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

BMU213 Music Theory for Today's Musicians seeks to provide students with a more advanced theoretical understanding of music pertaining to melody, harmony, rhythm, dynamics, timbre, texture and structural organization. This course aims to develop a fluent understanding of the theoretical conventions of standard musical discourse as required for more advanced music theory.

A range of theoretical concepts will be investigated through the study of selected musical scores from both classical and popular contemporary music. Students will be expected to listen to works and analyse written scores. Topics to be explored include the more advanced modulations, harmonic extensions, chromatic techniques and the different forms and analysis.

Additionally, the conceptual understandings gained through forms and analysis will enable students to further their musical learning beyond the select musical traditions covered in this course.

Topics:

- Keys (major and minor) and Modes
- Tempo, dynamics and mood, and articulation
- Intervals and Transposition 1
- Intervals and Transposition 2
- Phrases and Cadences
- Tonal Harmony 1
- Tonal Harmony 2
- Chromatic Chord 1
- Chromatic Chord 2
- Linear Chromaticism
- Modulation 1
- Modulation 2

Learning Outcome:

- Identify and write out in notation the given chords or rhythm in a given musical score.
- Apply key terminology, melodic and harmonic device used in given music.
- Determine the genre, form structure, and key of the given musical piece.
- Describe musical features of a musical form with/without the aid of musical notation.
- Analyse and describe the textual handling of a given musical piece.
- Construct and sketch out the main theme of a musical piece.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
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TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
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Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
ECA	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**