

# Music Theory Curriculum

## Music Theory 1 (Semester Course)

Staff & Clef Signs  
Line & Space Names  
Whole, Half, Quarter Notes & Rests  
Time Signatures  
Dotted Notes  
Ledger Lines  
Repeat Signs  
1st & 2nd Endings  
Ties and Slurs  
Eighth Notes and Rests  
Dotted Quarter Notes  
Accidentals  
Key Signatures  
Flat & Sharp Keys  
Sixteenth Notes and Rests  
Alla Breve  
Intervals  
Whole and Half Rests

Tetrachords  
Major Scales  
Circle of Keys  
Triple Meters  
Syncopation  
Chromatic Scales  
Enharmonic Tones  
Dynamic & Tempo Markings  
Minor Scales  
Moveable “Do”  
Transposition  
Complex Time Signature  
Perfect, Major & Minor Intervals  
Augmented & Diminished Intervals  
Two-Part Harmony  
Major Triads  
I-IV-V Triads  
V<sub>7</sub> Chords

## Music Theory II (Semester Course)

Triads  
Harmonizing with I,V Chords  
Passing & Neighboring Tones  
Harmonizing with I,V Arpeggios  
Harmonizing with I, IV,V Chords  
Harmonizing with I, IV,V<sub>7</sub> Chords  
Writing Melodies  
Harmonizing with i, iv, V<sub>7</sub> in Minor  
Recognizing Major Chords  
Close and Open Positions  
Inversions of Triads  
Inversions of V<sub>7</sub>  
Inversions of Minor Chords

Four Part Writing  
Arranging for Voices  
Secondary Chords ( ii, iii, vi, vii)  
Transposing Instruments  
Arranging for Brass, Woodwinds & Piano  
Form (A-B-A)  
Cadences  
Non-Harmonic Tones  
Modulation  
V<sub>9</sub> Chords  
Diminished vii<sub>7</sub> Chords  
Arranging for Strings  
Key Relationships

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## Grading

- Worksheets (homework) - 50%
- Participation and Effort - 20%
- Theory Assessments (Review)- 20%
- Keyboard Assessments - 10%

## Materials

- Master Theory (Books 1-3, Theory 1)  
(Books 4-6, Theory II)  
by Charles Peters and Paul Yoder
- [Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course - Book 1](#)

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## Class Schedule

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -  
Instruction and Exercises in Theory  
Workbooks
- Wednesday - 2nd half of class - Piano  
Lab
- Friday - Working with music theory  
Apps., and Finale training

You will be given time in class to get started on assignments and I will be available to answer any questions you may have. Assignments are due on Thursdays and Fridays. I will take workbooks on weekends to correct assignments.