# Component Area Option (a): Mathematics/Reasoning - MUSI - 2214

#### **General Information**

#### Please use this form to:

- REVISE a course that is already on the Core course list.
- ADD to the Core course list an existing permanent course that is not already on the Core course list

#### **Course Ownership**

Department*	Moores School of Music	
Will the course be cross-listed with another area?*	Yes	If "Yes", please enter the cross- listed course information (Prefix Code Title)

#### <u>Implementation</u>

Academic Year to	2015
begin offering	2016
course:*	2017
Term(s) Course will be TYPICALLY Offered:*	Fall (including all sessions within term)  Spring (including Winter Mini all sessions within term  Summer (including Summer Mini and all sessions within term)

#### <u>Justification for changing course</u>

Justification(s) for Adding Course*				
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Justification "Other" if selected				

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Long Course Title*	Techniques of Music Since 1900		
Short Course Title	Techniques of Music Since 1900		
Instruction Type a	nd Student Contact Hours	i e	
Instruction Type*	Lecture ONLY		
Contact Hours			
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If assistance is needed with code selection, please contact your college resource.

CIP Code Directory: <a href="http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/CIP/">http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/CIP/</a>

CIP Code must use this format: ##.##########

<u>Course Repeatabil</u>	<u>lity</u>
Can this course be repeated for credit?*	○ Yes ・ No
If Yes, how often and/or under what conditions may the course be	······································
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Catalog Description	<u>ons</u>
Prerequisite(s):*	MATH 1310; MUSI 2210 and passing grade on Theory Proficiency Exam III.
Corequisite(s)	
Course Description*	

Study of compositional practices of the twentieth century and later, through analysis and composition exercises.

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#### **Authorized Degree Program(s)**

Impact Report \*

## Impact Report for musi 2214

Prerequisite:	MUSI 2171 - Aural Skills IV	
	MUSI 3215 - Introduction to Large Forms	
	MUSI 3216 - Analysis	
	MUSI 4220 - Choral Conducting I	
	MUSI 4230 - Instrumental Conducting I	
	MUSI 4312 - Orchestration	
Programs	Applied Music, B.M.	
	Music (Areas of Elective Studies), B.M.	
	Music Composition, B.M.	
	Music Minor	
	Music Theory, B.M.	
	Music, B.A.	

#### **Core Curriculum Information**

For additional guidance when developing course curriculum that will also meet the Core Curriculum requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Committee website for Core Curriculum:

http://www.uh.edu/undergraduate-committee/doc 2014-core-review.html

Therein you will find a chart for the required and optional competencies based on the Core Component Area (Core Category) selected.

for which the course is being proposed (select one)\*

Component Area Component Area Option (a): Mathematics/Reasoning

List the student learning outcomes for the course\*

Mathematics/Reasoning - Component Area Option

Scholars throughout centuries have acknowledged the inherent properties common to music and mathematics. Like those who study advanced mathematics, students engaged in the study of advanced music theory acquire skills in analysis and reasoning (this was recognized by the inclusion of Theory III and Techniques in Music Since 1900 as a Math/Reasoning course in previous CORE curriculum).

Students will learn basics of post--tonal set theory and apply empirical and quantitative methodologies in the analysis of musical processes, works, and characteristics of musical styles after 1900. Students will attain fluency in compositional practices of the twentieth century and later, through analysis of representative music literature and composition of musical exercises involving advanced chromatic tonal harmony and post--tonal techniques.

Competency areas Communication Skills addressed by the course\*

Critical Thinking

Empirical & Quantitative Skills

Because we will be assessing student learning outcomes across multiple core courses, assessments assigned in your course must include assessments of the core competencies. For each competency selected above, indicated the specific course assignment(s) which, when completed by students, will provide evidence of the competency.

Provide (upload as attachment) detailed information, such as copies of the paper or project assignment, copies of individual test items, etc. A single assignment may be used to provide data for multiple competencies.

Critical Thinking, if applicable

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Teamwork, if applicable

Social Responsibility, if applicable

Personal Responsibility, if applicable

#### **Syllabus**

Syllabus\* 🥳 Syllabus Attached

Will the syllabus vary across multiple section of the course?\*

Yes No

If yes, list the assignments that will be constant across sections

#### Important information regarding Core course effectiveness evaluation:

Inclusion in the core is contingent upon the course being offered and taught at least once every other academic year. Courses will be reviewed for renewal every 5 years.

The department understands that instructors will be expected to provide student work and to participate in university-wide assessments of student work. This could include, but may not be limited to, designing instruments such as rubrics, and scoring work by students in this or other courses. In addition, instructors of core courses may be asked to include brief assessment activities in their course.

**Additional Information Regarding This Proposal** 

Comments:

## CBM003 ADD/CHANGE FORM

$\boxtimes$	Undergraduate Council	or	Graduate/Professional Studies Council	
	New Course 🔀 Course Change		☐ New Course ☐ Course Change	
l	re Category: Math/Reason Effective Fall		Effective Fall 2013	
20	± 2015			
1.	Department: MUSIC College: CLASS			
2.	Faculty Contact Person: <u>Tim Koozin</u> Telepho	one: <u>713-</u>	743-3318 Email: tkoozin@uh.edu	
3.	Course Information on New/Revised course: • Instructional Area / Course Number / Long <u>MUSI / 2214 / Techniques of Music Since 1</u>		itle:	
	Instructional Area / Course Number / Short <u>MUSI</u> / <u>2214</u> / <u>TECHNIQUES OF MUSIC</u>			
	• SCH: <u>2.00</u> Level: <u>SO</u> CIP Code: <u>50090</u>	<u> 10003</u> L	ect Hrs: 2 Lab Hrs: 0	
4.	Justification for adding/changing course: To m	eet core	curriculum requirements	
5.	Was the proposed/revised course previously of	fered as a	special topics course?  Yes No	
	If Yes, please complete:			
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	Course ID: Effective Date (current)	tly active	row):	
6.	Authorized Degree Program(s): B.M., B.A.			
	• Does this course affect major/minor requirements in the College/Department?  ☐ Yes ☐ No			
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	• Can the course be repeated for credit?	∐ Yes	No (if yes, include in course description)	
7.	Grade Option: <u>Letter (A, B, C)</u> Instrumatch item 3, above.)	ction Typ	e: lecture ONLY (Note: Lect/Lab info. must	
8.	If this form involves a change to an existing co	ourse, plea	ase obtain the following information from	
	the course inventory: Instructional Area / Cou	rse Numb	er / Long Course Title	
	MUSI / 2214 / Techniques of Music Since 190	<u>10</u>		
	• Course ID: <u>34721</u> Effective Date (current	ly active	row): <u>82205</u>	
9.	Proposed Catalog Description: (If there are no	prerequis	eites, type in "none".)	
	Cr: 2. (2-0). Prerequisites: MATH 1310; MU	SI 2210 a	nd passing grade on Theory Proficiency Exam III.	
	Description (30 words max.): Study of compos	sitional pr	actices of the twentieth century and later, through	
	analysis and composition exercises.			
10	Dean's Signature:		Date:	
	Print/Type Name: <u>Dr. Sarah Fishman</u>			

## REQUEST FOR COURSES IN THE CORE CURRICULUM

Originating Department or Colle	e: Music
Person Making Request: Timoth	Koozin Telephone: (713)743-3318
	Email: tkoozin@uh.edu
Dean's Signature:	Date: September 8, 2014
Course Number and Title: MUSI	214. Techniques of Music since 1900. (Please also see the proposal
for MUSI 2210. Music majors are re	quired to take both 2210 and 2214. The two courses together will be
required to fulfill core credit.)	
Please attach in separate docum	ents:
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List the student learning outcor	es for the course (Statements of what students will know and
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☑ Mathematics	Government/Political
Science	
☐ Language, Phil	sophy, & Culture
☐ Creative Arts	☑ Component Area Option
☐ Life & Physical	ciences

Competency areas addressed by the course (refer to appended chart for competencies that are required and optional in each component area):

	Critical Thinking		Team	work
Ø	Communication Skills			Social Responsibility
abla	Empirical & Quantitative Skills	☐ Pers	sonal R	esponsibility

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#### TECHNIQUES OF MUSIC SINCE 1900: SYLLABUS

MOORES SCHOOL OF MUSIC UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

MUSI 2214, [Date, Time]

[Professor] Section 00000 rm. 000 [Email] [Course web page]

office: 000 [Phone]

Prerequisites: MUSI 2211, MATH 1310 (core curriculum requirement) and passing grade on Theory Proficiency Exam III.

Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes: Students will learn basics of post-tonal set theory and apply empirical and quantitative methodologies in the analysis of musical processes, works, and characteristics of musical styles after 1900. Students will attain fluency in compositional practices of the twentieth century and later, through analysis of representative music literature and composition of musical exercises involving advanced chromatic tonal harmony and post-tonal techniques.

#### Required Texts:

Kostka, Stefan. Materials and Techniques of Twentieth-Century Music, 3rd ed.

Benjamin, Horvit & Nelson. Techniques and Materials of Tonal Music, 7th ed.

Benjamin, Horvit & Nelson. Music for Analysis, 6th ed.

The e-Workbook is available to UH students here (password required):

http://www.uh.edu/musicstudents/theory/Workbook\_part\_3.pdf (chromatic)

http://www.uh.edu/musicstudents/theory/Workbook\_part\_4.pdf (twentieth-century materials)

#### Course Schedule (subject to change):

Midterm Exam: [Date]

Semester Composition Project due: [Date]

Final Exam: [Date]

#### Grading and Policies:

Exams (2 x 25%) 50%
Daily work 40%
Semester Composition Project 10%

Four absences are allowed for any reason. There will be no "excused" absences beyond that number.

Fifth absence lowers final grade by a minus.

Sixth absence lowers final grade by an additional minus.

Seventh absence results in being dropped from the course (resulting in a W or F as appropriate).

Tardies: Three count as one absence.

Last day to drop without a grade: [Date] Last day to drop or withdraw: [Date]

Assignments are due on the appropriate day at the start of class.

Please obtain the phone number of a classmate to get information in case of absence.

Always bring score paper.

Students are expected to be in class and on time. No late assignments will be accepted.

UH Policies on Academic Honesty can be found online at <a href="http://www.uh.edu/provost/policies/uhhonesty\_policy.html">http://www.uh.edu/provost/policies/uhhonesty\_policy.html</a>. You are expected to do your own work on all assignments, quizzes, and exams unless instructed differently. Problems with academic dishonesty will be handled according to the procedures outlined in the undergraduate student handbook and in the undergraduate course catalog. Please note that the mere suspicion of academic dishonesty is enough to initiate official action; please do not put yourself in the position of having to deal with this kind of situation.

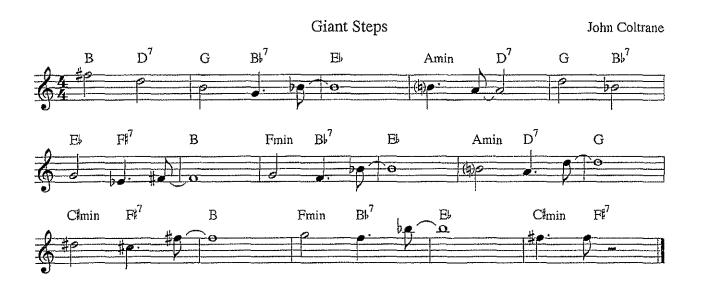
Students with disabilities are asked to bring to the instructor's attention any special accommodations they may require. Students will document a disability with the UH Center for Students with Disabilities (phone: 713 743 5400). The CSD will provide recommendations to the instructor and student to help in accommodating a disability.

## Schedule (subject to revision)

Week	Topic / chapter in T&M, Part IV	
1	Introduction / 1-3	Irregular & composite meters
2	cont'd (rhythm & meter)	polyrhythm; multimeter; polymeter
3	some new tools	
4	Tertian Harmony / 4	harmonic functionality
5	Diatonic Modes / 5	
6	Exotic Scales / 6	collection vs. mode
7	Pandiatonicism / 7	
8	Quartal & Secundal Harmony / 8	
10	Interval Music / 10	atonality; set theory
11		(continued)
12	Serialism / 11	
13	Recent Trends / 12	aleatory; minimalism; indeterminacy
14	review & summary	
	last class period: Final Exam	analysis project due
[date]	Final ([time]): composition project, to	o be submitted and performed

Write a paragraph comparing the harmonic languages of the two pieces below. In particular, address the issue of functionality.





#### MUSI 2214: Techniques of Music Since 1900

#### Analysis Project

**Topic:** Analysis of a 20th-century work of your choice (must be approved by the instructor; see under Guidelines, below).

**Length:** 3-5 pages, **typed**, **double-spaced**, including short examples/illustrations; the complete score must accompany the paper.

Due: [Date.] Late papers cannot be accepted.

#### Suggested modus operandi:

- 1. Select music for analysis (see under Guidelines, below).
- 2. Analyze, using all relevant techniques and concepts learned in this course (and in previous semesters). SHMRG will be a useful checklist.
- 3. Organize your findings; plan a logical and coherent presentation. An outline will be invaluable for this. Note what short examples or other illustrations will be needed. (See under Help, below.)
- 4. Write a draft of the paper.
- 5. Prepare any short examples, graphs, etc.
- 6. Read your draft critically, marking corrections.
- 7. Prepare your final copy, placing examples, etc., neatly and logically.

#### Guidelines:

- a. The piece chosen for your analysis should be of moderate size, or even on the short side, depending on its complexity. It would also be possible to write on a small collection of miniatures.
  - b. It should be from your own repertoire, or something in which you have a particular interest.
  - c. The work must be not only from the 20th century, but of the 20th century.
  - d. In any case, the instructor's approval is necessary, so begin looking into this without delay.
- 2. **Do not mark up library copies!** If you use a library copy, make a photocopy to mark up (and hand in). You may prefer to do this even with your own scores.

#### Help is available:

- 1. There are a number of books in the Music Library (and in the Main Library) dealing with the writing of reports, papers, etc. A brief guide to these is on the instructor's reserve in the Music Library.
- 2. The guide on reserve, mentioned above, also contains a few tips.
- 3. The instructor will be happy to help you at any stage of the process, <u>time permitting</u>—so get started early.

#### MUSI 2214 Paper Assignment

#### René Clausen, Psalm 150

This piece is on reserve in te Music Library, as is a recording. You will need to make a copy of the entire piece to submit along with your paper, which will consist of your responses to the following:

- 1. Identify the category of vertical sonorities found in mm. 1-6.
- 2. How is meter treated in mm. 1-37?
- 3. Provide a harmonic analysis for mm. 7-10.
- 4. What compositional device is employed in the Soprano, Alto, and Tenor in mm. 19-20?
- 5. What compositional device is employed in the Soprano and Alto in mm. 29-31?
- 6. Briefly discuss the metric/rhythmic situation in mm. 66-93.
- 7. Analyze the chords in m. 50, m. 60, m. 104, and m. 155.
- 8. What kind of chord occurs in the left and of the accompaniment in m. 53? In the right hand in mm. 94-95?
- 9. What scale is used in mm. 67-81? What is the local pitch center?
- 10. What technique best describes the music in mm. 133-147? Elaborate.
- 11. What scale is used in mm. 148-end?
- 12. What is the initial pitch center? The last pitch center? How are the pitch centers established?
- 13.Discuss the factors that shape the piece overall. Consider the various techniques used, the effect of tonality/centricity, the use of dissonance, rhythm, meter, tempo, etc. Also take into account the text as an organizing force. You may wish to draw a chart, and refer to that in your discussion.

Note that the order in which these items have been posed is not necessarily to order in which you must discuss them. Organizing you paper logically will be a large part of your task in this assignment.

Your paper must be typed (word-processed) with proper margins. Musical examples, if used, must be complete, and neatly and logically placed. A copy of the score, with appropriate (and NEAT) markings should be attached as an appendix. If you do not use the interlinear examples, please be sure that your references to the music are clear and specific. **Collaboration is not acceptable on this assignment**. It is not necessary that you use any sources except the score and your own analytical skills, but if you do use other sources of any kind, they must be used and cited properly.

#### COMPOSITION PROJECT

What: A piece for any instrument, voice, or combination available in class. (If you wish to use other/additional forces, you must get the extra people to class for the performance.)

**Content:** Your piece should display several of the techniques studied this semester. Be sure to consider rhythm and meter, and perhaps texture and timbre, as well as melody and harmony.

Length: Pieces should run about 2 minutes in performance; pieces at slower tempi will probably need to be a bit longer.

Form: That is up to you. Sectionalized forms (ABA, ABCA, ABCBA, rondo, etc.) often work well for this material; contrasting techniques may be used to create contrasting sections.

Modus operandi: Composers work in many different ways. Some find it easiest to begin with a motivic idea or two; others find it best to begin with a formal plan for the piece as a whole. In either case, begin working early, and jot down ideas in a "sketchbook." Once the materials have taken shape in your mind, work out the details (transitions, accompaniment patterns, etc.). Try to have a draft completed soon enough that you can make small revisions, if needed, before preparing the final copy.

**Final copy:** Must be neat! Pencil is acceptable; just be sure it is dark enough (people will have to read these). All notational conventions should be observed: braces/brackets for systems, barlines crossing the appropriate staves, etc. Performance directions, including tempo, dynamic, and articulation markings, are important. The **score**, which is to be handed in, may be in C. **Parts** must be provided as necessary, and must be transposed if appropriate.

**Grading:** The compositions will be graded primarily on the craftsmanship displayed in them: the choice and handling of the materials, the musical structure of the piece, and the handling of the medium chosen.

Help is available. In many cases, the pieces you have consulted for your analysis paper and scavenger hunt may serve as models.

Due: At final exam time—[Date & time]—ready for performance.

## Exercises

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1. Bartók, String Quartet No. 2, II., mm. 13-24.

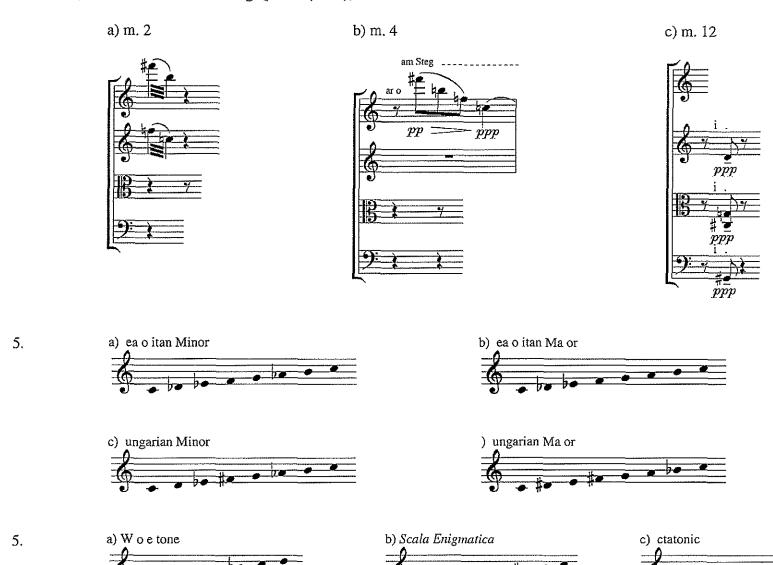


2. Schoenberg, Klavierstück, op. 19/4, mm. 1-2.



3. The Dorian, Phrygian, and Lydian modes.

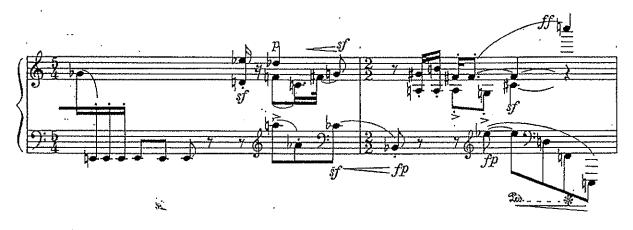
## 4. Webern, Five Movements for String Quartet (1909), IV

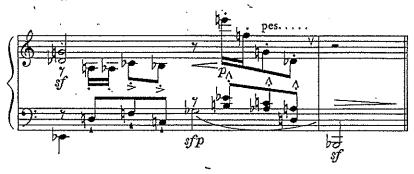


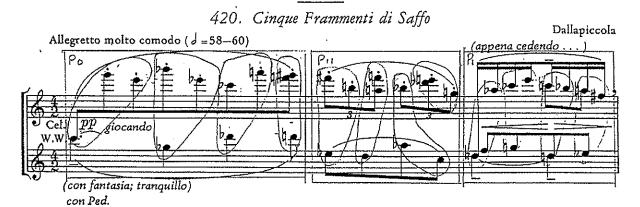
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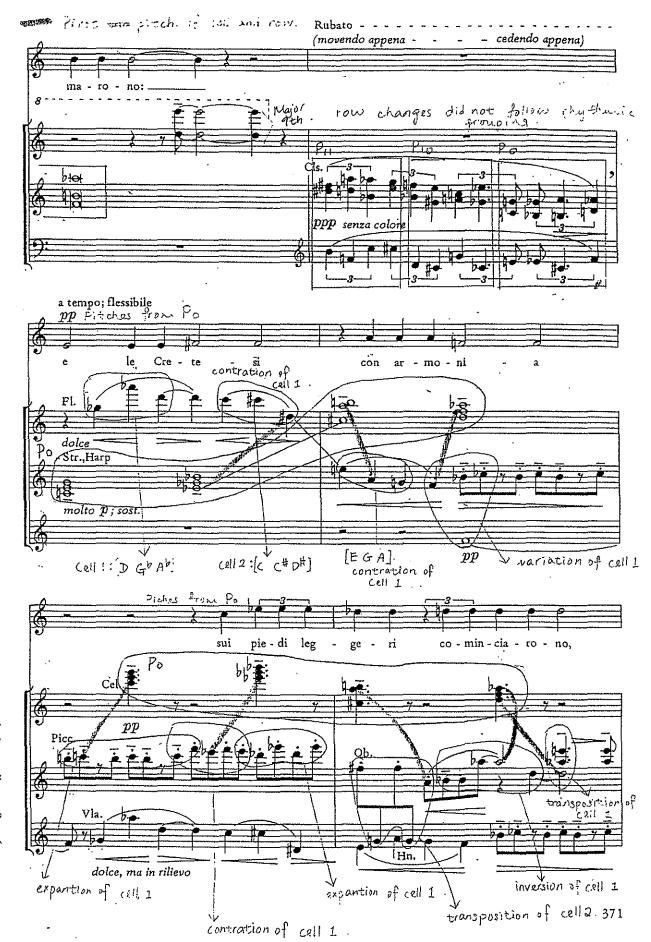






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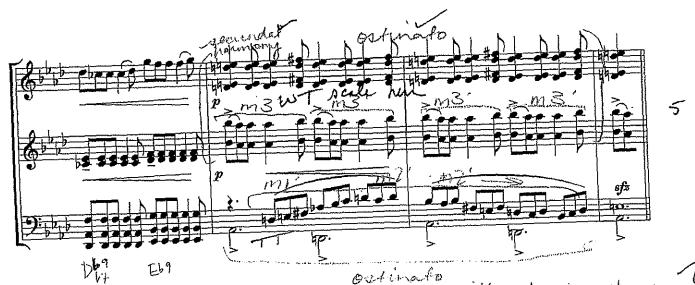




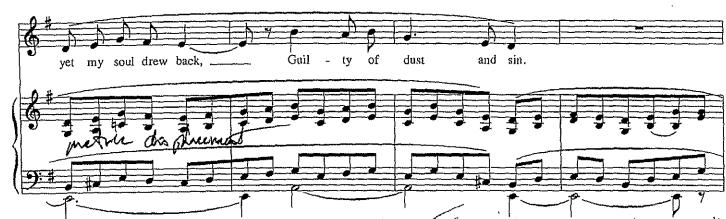
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Full shone the moon, when by the altar they stopped. And the Cretian woman, with music, upon light feet, began carefree to go about the altar, upon the tender young grass?



Tall chards and additive hammonies, along with ostmatos, show pandratoric technique. Motivic ideas contribute to the organization of this selection.



the composer uses chromatic planting of inverted chards. Although the long bedal tones enichasize e dovian the planing causes the piece to seem pandiatonic.

II. Write the following scales/modes, on the "tonics" indicated. You may use any clef(s) and key signatures you wish.

### 1. Mixolydian mode, on E.



2. Whole-tone scale, on Eb.



3. Pentatonic, do = Gb.



4. Phrygian mode, on C#. AFGAECPE



5. Octatonic, on F. Whole Step mode

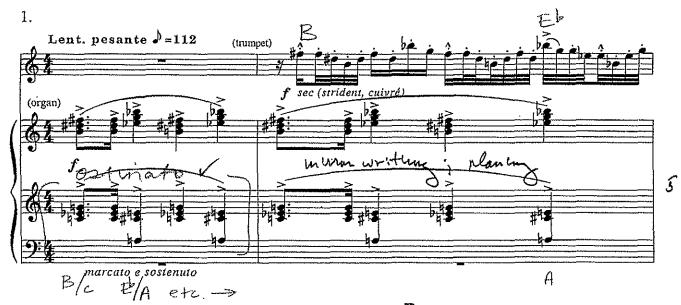


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## Theory V: Twentieth-Century **Techniques Final Exam**



I. Identify the principal techniques used in the following five excerpts. You should include detailed analyses of a few chords, etc., to back your generalizations.

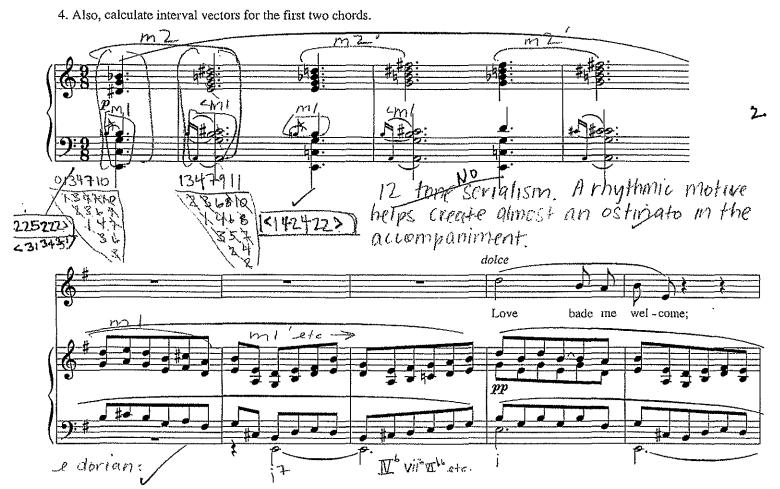


Polychords and unusual dissonant triting relationships within each bar contribute to this excerpt's polytonality what hus an established





In ostinato accompaniment secundal and quartal harmony, additive harmonic and tall chords are evidence of pandiatonicism.



To: Simon Bott, Chair, Core Committee

From: Sarah Fishman, Associate Dean, CLASS RE: Core Math Reasoning for Music Theory

Date: 15 April 2014

I am writing on behalf of the Dean to express our strong support of this appeal to the Coordinating Board on behalf of including Music 2210, Theory III, and Music 2214, Techniques of Music since 1900, in the Core Math Reasoning Component Area Option.

The application has been revised to express more clearly the mathematical reasoning, empirical and quantitative skills that students will learn in these two courses.

I might point out that the civilization that developed the concept of the Liberal Arts, Ancient Greece, treated music as a mathematical discipline because it included relationships, ratios and proportions. According to Plato, *The Republic*, the Liberal Arts included the Trivium (grammar, logic, rhetoric) taught first, and the Quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, music astronomy).

Music, the science of sound and harmony, thus was on placed on the secondary level with arithmetic, geometry and astronomy. Furthermore, the Greeks noted a number of mathematical properties of harmony. For example, harmony only results when combing to one note other notes whose frequencies are integer multiples of the first note. The intensity of the base frequency and its overtones, which are integer multiples of the first note, also define the tone of a given instrument, which is why a violin and a trumpet playing the same note do not sound the same. Intervals represent another critical and intensely mathematical element of music.

Finally, on a practical note, if you will excuse the pun, we had reduced the number of courses in the Component Area Option Math Reasoning from 16 possible courses in the pre-2014 Core to 11 courses in our application. With Phil 1321, Logic, restored, we now have 9 course options, an improvement still well below the options and seats we previously offered at the University of Houston. Approximately 190 students normally enroll in Music 2210 and Music 22014 over an academic year, based on a rolling 5 year average.

In other words, this along with the removal of the musical ensemble options from the Creative Arts component of the Core will negatively impact our ability successfully to implement the "UH in Four" initiative we are planning to inaugurate for incoming first year students this Fall. We are having to consider the possibility that we will only be able to offer a "UH in Four" contract to incoming Music majors who have already completed 9 AP credits toward the Core.