

OHHS Choir Department Course Syllabus



Course Name: Music Literacy & Composition
Course Code: FAOCL1

Course Description:

This is a class for students who are already familiar with the basics of reading music but would like to learn more. We will begin with the basics of rhythm and pitch notation and then use the skills to develop and write our own music. We will explore different styles of music including rock, musical theater, opera, and more. Students wishing to join must show evidence of basic music reading skills.

Prerequisites

Please discuss this option with the choir director prior to registration.

Course Resources

Various Books and Publications

Course Fees

\$0

Course Outline/Instructional Units

1. Weekly Literacy Units: basic/intermediate/advanced rhythms, keyboard, enharmonics, key signatures, scales, chords, blues scale
2. Weekly Composition Units: theme, variation, lyrics, ostinato, duets, minor themes, movie music
3. Weekly Listening and writing activities: Jazz vs. Opera, Musical Theater, Film Score, editing rock guitar solo, #SongSnaps

Major Assessments

1. Chapter drills and assignments
2. Portfolio completion

Extra Help

Students are encouraged to take advantage of tutoring opportunities and assistance will be offered in class. Tutoring will happen before and after school by appointment.

Grading Categories Estimates

Literacy Drills	45%
Composition Drills	40%
Listening and Writing	15%

RE-DO POLICY:

OHHS is an effort based school where we believe all students can learn. We also know that students learn at different rates. Thus, we are implementing a re-do policy that recognizes the needs of individual learners.

- 100% Re-do
 - Assessments (with exception of the Final semester exam)
 - Breezin Thru may be redone until the week of finals
 - Written assignments can be redone once. The due date is one week from when it was returned.
- Class activities cannot be recreated but most assignments can be completed on your own if you miss.

Grading Scale:

Regular Scale	
Letter Grade	Percentage
A	93% and Above
A -	90%-92.99%
B+	87%-89.99%
B	83%-86.99%
B-	80-82.99%
C+	77%-79.99%
C	73-76.99%

C-	70-72.99%
D+	67%-69.99%
D	60%-66.99%
F	59.99% and Below

OHHS PLAGIARISM POLICY:

Any student, who knowingly turns in any work that has been done by someone other than himself or herself, and fraudulently represents it as his/her own, shall be considered to have cheated. Cheating also includes: aiding someone else in cheating, the use or preparation of written, pictorial, electronic or other materials not authorized by the instructor during a test or assignment, the use of testing materials obtained previous to the test date, or plagiarism of any kind. Students found cheating will also be subject to an office referral, which could result in a suspension. As an effort based school, students who have plagiarized/cheated must still demonstrate their learning. Thus, students will be given the opportunity to complete the work. This will fall under the “Late Work Policy” of the teacher where total possible points may be reduced.