

MUTH 1410: Aural Skills I

1 Credit Hour / Fall 2026

Section 002: MWF 8:00-8:50 Room 288

Section 003: MWF 9:05-9:55 Room 288

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course continues to develop both the “hearing eye” and the “seeing ear.” Singing activities will include prepared melodies, sight singing, and ensemble singing in various clefs (including C-clefs). Dictation exercises will focus on melody, rhythm, two-part counterpoint, and harmony. By the end of the course, students will be able to sing and identify the following:

1. Diatonic melodies in major and minor using bass and treble clef (using movable do and letter names)
2. Intervals (up through an octave)
3. Triads (major, minor, diminished), and the dominant seventh chord
4. Cadences
5. Harmonic vocabulary commensurate with MUTH1400 (the phrase model and its basic expansions)

6. Simple and compound meter (combined with conducting patterns in 2, 3, and 4)

PREREQUISITES

Official status as a music major.

Co-requisite: MUTH 1400.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- *Music for Sight Singing, 10th edition* by Nancy Rogers and Robert W. Ottman (Pearson 2014)
- Manuscript paper and pencils with erasers
- A device with internet connection, headphones, and the ability to make video recordings (laptop, smartphone, etc)

Course Schedule Overview (subject to change)

Unit	Topics	Dictation Test	Individual Hearing
1	Conducting patterns, treble and bass clefs, major, meter ID, interval ID, chord ID	Wed., Sept. 16	Fri., Sept 18
2	Tonic and dominant, minor, scale ID, compound meter	Wed., Oct. 21	Fri., Oct. 23
3	Predominants, more diatonic skips	Wed. Dec 2	During finals week, individually scheduled

*You should not schedule your end-of-semester jury against a regularly scheduled class, including the final exam.

GRADING RUBRIC:* Letter Grades:

A 90-100%

Dictation Tests 30% (15% per exam) B 80-89%

Individual Hearings** 30% (15% per exam) C 70-79%

Homework 40% D 60-69%

F below 60%

There will be one or two homework assignments due each week during class. The point total will be worth 40% of the final grade.

***You must earn a minimum average of 60% in both the Dictations Tests category and the Individual Hearings category in order to receive a grade higher than F for the course.**

****Includes both prepared materials and sight-reading.**

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Deduction of 10% per day late until assignment reaches 0%.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Because gaining fluency in music takes consistent practice, I expect you to attend every class. If you do miss a class for any reason, you are still responsible to know the material covered that day and for submitting all assignments on time.

- 0 - 3 unexcused - absences no change in grade.
- 4 absences - one letter grade drop (10%). Ex: A 95% → B 85%.
- 5 absences - two letter grades lower (20%). Ex: A 95% → C 75%.
- 6 or more absences fail. Ex: F

Being tardy 3 times by 10 minutes or more will count as an unexcused absence.

Excused absences include official University or College of Music activities, medical emergencies, religious observances, and documented illnesses. Excused absences do not count against your attendance or lower your grade. Email me before the class period for your absence. If you expect to be absent for several days or weeks, please contact the Dean of Students Office. If you have a chronic medical condition that might affect your class attendance or performance, please see the Office of Disability Accommodations.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam [or specify alternative sanction, such as course failure]. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students (Office of Academic Integrity), who may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an

unfair advantage. The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

See: [Academic Integrity](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

LINK: <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>

[Links to an external site.](#)

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university’s expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

See: [Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>

[Links to an external site.](#)

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at my.unt.edu

[Links to an external site.](#)

. All official communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect.

See: [Eagle Connect](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

[Links to an external site.](#)

ODA STATEMENT

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter. You can now request your Letters of Accommodation ONLINE and ODA will mail your Letters of Accommodation to your instructors. You may wish to begin a private discussion with your professors regarding your specific needs in a course. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester. For additional information see the Office of Disability Access.

See: [ODA](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

LINK: disability.unt.edu

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. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Students can access information about health and safety at:
<https://music.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness>

[Links to an external site.](#)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

See: [Registration Information](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/students>

[Links to an external site.](#)

ACADEMIC CALENDAR, FALL 2024

See: [Fall 2024 Calendar and Registration Guide](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/sites/default/files/fall-2024-academic-calendar.pdf>

[Links to an external site.](#)

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

See above

FINANCIAL AID AND SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Undergraduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total hours registered. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

Students holding music scholarships must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and 3.0 cumulative GPA in music courses.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended that you to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so.

See: [Financial Aid](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

[Links to an external site.](#)

Graduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Music scholarships require a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students cannot

exceed maximum timeframes established based on the published length of the graduate program. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college, an advisor in UNT-International or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course.

See: [Financial Aid](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

[Links to an external site.](#)

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the university's policy in accordance with those mandates.

See: [FERPA](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <http://ferpa.unt.edu/>

[Links to an external site.](#)

COUNSELING AND TESTING

UNT's Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor whose position includes 16 hours per week of dedicated service to students in the College of Music and the College of Visual Arts and Design. Please visit the Center's website for further information:

See: [Counseling and Testing](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>

[Links to an external site.](#)

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For more information on mental health issues, please visit:

See: [Mental Health Resources](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://disparities.unt.edu/mental-health-resources>

[Links to an external site.](#)

ADD/DROP POLICY

Please be reminded that dropping classes or failing to complete and pass registered hours may make you ineligible for financial aid. In addition, if you drop below half-time enrollment you may be required to begin paying back your student loans. See Academic Calendar (listed above) for additional add/drop information.

Drop information: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-academic-calendar.html>

[Links to an external site.](#)

Student Resources

The University of North Texas has many resources available to students. For a complete list, go to:

See: [Student Resources](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources>

[Links to an external site.](#)

Care Team

The Care Team is a collaborative interdisciplinary committee of university officials that meets regularly to provide a response to students, staff, and faculty whose behavior could be harmful to themselves or others.

See: [Care Team](#)

[Links to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-team>

[Links to an external site.](#)

Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Fri Oct 11, 2024	Assignment Written HW 7	due by 8am
Fri Aug 21, 2026	Assignment Written HW 1	due by 11:59pm
Mon Aug 24, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 1	due by 11:59pm
Fri Aug 28, 2026	Assignment Written HW 2	due by 11:59pm
Mon Aug 31, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 2	due by 11:59pm
Wed Sep 2, 2026	Assignment Written HW 3	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 4, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 3	due by 11:59pm

Wed Sep 9, 2026	Assignment Unit 1 Keyboard Assignment	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 11, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 4 (Practice Individual Hearing)	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Written HW 4	due by 11:59pm
Fri Sep 25, 2026	Assignment Written HW 5	due by 11:59pm
Mon Sep 28, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 5	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 2, 2026	Assignment Written HW 6	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 5, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 6	due by 11:59pm
Mon Oct 12, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 7	due by 11:59pm

Fri Oct 16, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 8 (Practice Individual Hearing)	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Written HW 8	due by 11:59pm
Fri Oct 30, 2026	Assignment Written HW 9	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 2, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 9	due by 11:59pm
Fri Nov 6, 2026	Assignment Written HW 10	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 9, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 10	due by 11:59pm
Fri Nov 13, 2026	Assignment Written HW 11	due by 11:59pm
Mon Nov 16, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 11	due by 11:59pm

Fri Nov 20, 2026	Assignment Recorded HW 12 (Practice Individual Hearing)	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Written HW 12	due by 11:59pm
Sat Dec 5, 2026	Assignment Interval Scavenger Hunt (Ascending)	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Interval Scavenger Hunt (Descending)	due by 11:59pm
	Assignment Interval Test	