

COURSE NUMBER: 706
COURSE TITLE: Music Theory I
COURSE LENGTH: Semester, One Credit
PREREQUISITE: None
GRADE LEVEL: 9-12

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Music Theory I teaches students music fundamentals necessary to compose music. Students will read and write pitches in all clefs, major and minor scales, key signatures and scale degrees, triads, all intervals, and rhythmic notation.

COURSE RATIONALE:

Music theory studies the language of music. The course teaches students to read and write music, whether to satisfy musical curiosity or prepare them for a college music curriculum.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Using Dr. Peter Spencer's The Practice of Harmony, students will independently practice reading and writing music fundamentals.

ASSESSMENT:

Letter grades are earned based on test scores and daily assignments.

CRITICAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Clefs
2. Scales
3. Key Signatures
4. Triads
5. Intervals
6. Rhythmic Notation