

Musical Notation I

Code: 100654
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500240 Musicology	OB	3	1

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Other comments on languages

The professor of this course will be Maria Incoronata Colantuono

External teachers

Maria Incoronata Colantuono

Prerequisites

A good level of musical language is recommended

Objectives and Contextualisation

The student will learn the basis theoretical and practice, and will transcribe and perform the Medieval Music written in the main systems of notation

Competences

- Demonstrate a sufficient level of knowledge of historical and current musical language and theory, including the rudiments of harmony and counterpoint, to be able to correctly approach the study of composition.
- Know and understand the historical evolution of music, its technical, stylistic, aesthetic and interpretative characteristics from a diachronic perspective.
- Relate knowledge acquired to musical praxis, working with musicians through the analysis and contextualisation of different repertoires, both related to historical music and to the different manifestations of contemporary music.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.

- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Acquire fluency of sightreading to practical musical ends.
2. Apply different models of musical notation in musical praxis.
3. Be familiar with editions of early music.
4. Discuss musical theory and praxis with musicians.
5. Identify the main systems of writing in Western music, both vocal and instrumental (10th to 17th centuries).
6. Identifying the context of the historical processes.
7. Integrate knowledge acquired in the production of clear and concise appropriate to the academic and specialist communication.
8. Make confident use of vocabulary relative to musical paleography.
9. Make historical distinctions between the different systems of musical notation.
10. Produce correct, precise and clear argumental and terminological writing of knowledge acquired, both in the area of musical specialisation and dissemination.
11. Transcribe the main systems of Western music according to the modern conventions of notation and edition.
12. Use the appropriate terminology in the construction of an academic text.
13. Write critical papers on musicology that are planned and organised efficiently.

Content

1. Gregorian semiology
2. Neumatic notation
3. Earlier polyphonic notation
4. Modal notation
5. Mensural Notation
6. Notation of the French *Ars nova*
7. Italian Notation around 1300

Methodology

Development of the syllabus through practical classes based on the musical fragments, after explaining the theoretical-practical principles on which they are based.

Resolution, with the active participation of the student, of how many transcription exercises are commissioned.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Face-to-face lessons, theoretic and practice	45	1.8	1, 2, 4, 9, 3, 6, 5, 11, 8
Type: Autonomous			

Reading of specific bibliography (books and articles)	7	0.28	10, 12, 6, 7, 13
Study of the course	32	1.28	1, 2, 10, 4, 9, 3, 12, 6, 5, 7, 13, 11, 8
Transcription exercises	62	2.48	10, 9, 3, 12, 5, 13, 11, 8

Assessment

Evaluation

1. Two partial exams (20%) and final exam (60%). Exams will consist of the transcription of one or more musical fragments.
2. Each test must be able to be justified orally, if necessary, during group or individual tutoring sessions.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

In the event that tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools, or will offer them feasible alternatives.

Final exam of the subject: can be found in the list of Degree information

Review final exams: January 11, 2023

Re-evaluation

The re-evaluation exam of the subject will consist of the transcription of musical fragments, with the same learning results of the final exam which also includes parts of the continuous evaluation process. A student will be "not evaluable" if he has not attended any of the ordinary partial exams of the subject.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Final exam	60%	2	0.08	1, 2, 10, 4, 9, 3, 12, 6, 5, 7, 13, 11, 8
Test 1	20%	1	0.04	10, 9, 12, 5, 7, 11, 8
Test 2	20%	1	0.04	10, 9, 12, 5, 7, 11, 8

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Software

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