

Prepared by the Department of Arts & Communication

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1. **Course Number:** MUS104
Course Title: Fundamentals of Music
2. **Description:** This course introduces the fundamental materials of music, including pitch, rhythm, scales, ear training, and basic melodic notation. Elementary principles of vocal tone production are explored, and basic keyboard technique is introduced.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this class, students are able to do the following:
 - explain fundamental structures of the musical art such as pitch, tempo, duration, dynamics, intervals, chords, and scales
 - identify basic melodic/harmonic intervals by ear
 - calculate the combined durational values of notes and rests, and demonstrate the ability to count rhythmic patterns in commonly encountered time signatures
 - sing with a clear tone, demonstrating elementary vocal techniques
 - notate simple melodic ideas in standard music form
 - read and perform from standard music notation at an introductory level using voice, keyboard, and percussion instruments
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** None
7. **Semesters Offered:** Fall, Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Evaluation is based upon: homework, class participation, quizzes, and the final exam.
9. **General Topical Outline:** Basics of pitch and rhythmic notation; intervals, and triads; major and minor scales, general introduction to vocal technique; sight singing and ear training.