**Course Number and Title:** MUSI 341 Composition I  
**Session:** Autumn 2019

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| Office Hours     | By appointment  
| Day(s), time(s) and location of Class | Craigie Hall F-210  
|                  | T 9-11:50  
| Out of class activities | Final Project rehearsals and performances  
| Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials | Reading and listening suggestions to be provided in class.  
| Prerequisites    | MUSI 213 or Music Theory and Composition 203 or consent of the Department  
| Supplementary fees | N/A  
| Course description | Basic compositional techniques, and study of selected twentieth century compositions.  
| Course learning outcomes | By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to:  
|                  | 1. compose for solo instruments and small chamber ensembles using contemporary techniques  
|                  | 2. discuss and analyze selected 20thC and 21C compositions  
|                  | 3. prepare scores and instrumental parts in a professional format  
|                  | 4. work with musicians in the effective preparation and performance of new compositional work  
| Course schedule  | Participation includes weekly presentation of clear and legible work-in-progress, active involvement in class discussions, individual tutorials, and presentations as well as attendance at selected concerts, readings, and rehearsals. Students are responsible for finding musicians and working closely with them to prepare pieces for the class reading sessions. Performance of the final composition in a student composers’ noon hour recital is required at the end of the semester. (Date of final composition recitals to be confirmed.)  
| Assessment components | Assignment 1:  
|                  | Value: 10%  
|                  | Due Date: September 24  
|                  | Type: Composition etude  
|                  | Description: A short composition etude concentrating on assigned creative objectives  
|                  | Assignment 2:  
|                  | Value: 10%  
|                  | Due Date: October 8  
|                  | Type: Composition etude  
|                  | Description: A short composition etude concentrating on assigned creative objectives  
|                  | Assignment 3:  
|                  | Value: 10%  
|                  | Due Date: October 22  

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**Assignment 4:**  
Value: 10%  
Due Date: November 5  
Type: Composition etude  
Description: A short composition etude concentrating on assigned creative objectives

**Assignment 5:**  
Value: 10%  
Due Date: November 19  
Type: Composition reading session  
Description: Reading session of the final project in-progress

**Assignment 6:**  
Value: 10%  
Due Date: November 26  
Type: Composition reading session  
Description: Reading session of the final project in-progress

**Assignment 7:**  
Value: 30%  
Due Date: December 7 (Recital dates for the final composition performance TBA)  
Type: Final composition project  
Description: A final substantial composition project to be performed in concert

**Assignment 8:**  
Value: 10%  
Due Date: December 6  
Type: Participation  
Description: Evaluation of class participation

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**Assessment expectations**

**Guidelines for Submitting Assignments**  
Scores and parts must be prepared and presented at the beginning of the class for which they are due. Musicians, to read the exercise, must be confirmed ahead of time and present in class for the reading. An extra copy of the score must be made available for the instructor at the beginning of the class.

**Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass**  
Assignments must demonstrate a sincere and imaginative engagement with the objectives and challenges of the compositional exercise, legible and efficient notation of the exercise, and participation in its reading or performance.

**Expectations for Writing**  
Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

**Guidelines for Formatting Assignments**  
All submitted work must be copied, photocopied and bound according to professional standards. Assigned work can be notated by hand or via a computer notation program.
Late Assignments
The grade for assignments submitted more than one week late will be reduced by 2% per day.

Expectations for Attendance and Participation
Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details. Participation includes regular attendance at classes, appropriate preparation of assignments, active contributions to in-class discussions and composition readings, and appropriate preparation of final composition performance.

Grading scale
For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2019-2020:

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<td>Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>Failure. Did not meet course requirements. Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as “Not Included in GPA” where applicable.</td>
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Notes:

- The following numerical rubric will be applied:
  - A+ 97.6-100
  - A  92.6-97.5
  - A- 90-92.5
  - B+ 87.6-89.9
  - B  82.6-87.5
  - B- 80-82.5
  - C+ 77.6-79.9
  - C  72.6-77.5
  - C- 70-72.5
  - D+ 67.6-69.9
  - D  62.6-67.5
  - F  0-62.5

- A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations.
- The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific
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