

MUS 3547: Orchestration
Fall Semester 2005
11:00–11:50 a.m., TR, 1140 Buzzard Hall

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Course Information and Policies

Course Description

3547 MUS. Orchestration. (2-0-2) F. Beginning practical experience in scoring for orchestra.
Prerequisite: MUS 2541.

Course Content

The Harmonic Series; Individual String Instruments, Scoring for String Orchestra; Individual Woodwind Instruments, Scoring for the Woodwind Choir; Individual Brass Instruments, Scoring for the Brass Choir; Individual Percussion and Keyboard Instruments; Scoring for Harp, Percussion and Keyboard Instruments; Scoring for Full Orchestra. Notational Conventions and Manuscript Preparation; Orchestral Terminology; History of the Orchestra and Orchestration.

Text and Supplemental Materials

Adler: *The Study of Orchestration*, 3rd edition.
Handouts; worksheets; audio recordings distributed in class, available for listening in the Computer Lab (McAfee lower level), and on reserve in Booth Library.

Assignments and Projects

Daily assignments will include reading and listening (nearly all of the musical examples in the text have been recorded on CD), "Listen and Score" and other transcription exercises. Larger transcription projects will be assigned at the conclusion of our study of each orchestral choir; a final project for full orchestra will also be assigned. Grades on late assignments will be reduced by one letter for each class period beyond the announced due date.

Examinations

There will be three examinations given: Strings; Woodwinds; Brass, Percussion, and Full Orchestra (final exam). Approximate exam dates are given below:

Exam 1	Thursday, September 22
Exam 2	Thursday, November 3
Exam 3	Tuesday, December 13, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Grading

Grades will be assigned according to the scale given below.

92	- 100	A
84	- 91	B
76	- 83	C
68	- 75	D
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Final Grade = daily assignments (10%) + transcription projects & final project (30%) + exams (60%).

Attendance Policy

You are expected to be prepared for and to attend every class. However, two unexcused absences will be permitted without penalty. Each subsequent unexcused absence will reduce your final average by two points (one quarter of a letter grade).

Disabilities Statement

Students who believe they may need assistance due to a disability should contact the Assistant Director of the Office of Disability Services for answers to questions concerning accommodations, auxiliary learning aids, and physical accessibility. Students will be required to submit diagnostic information regarding the disability so that the most appropriate accommodation can be arranged. The telephone number is (217) 581-6583.