**Aural Skills I, MUS 114, CRN 32322 Syllabus**

# **General Information**

## **Instructor Information and Availability**

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## **Course Information**

Aural Skills I

MUS 114

CRN 32322

M/W 8:00-8:50am

Number of credits:1

Classroom(s):IA242

### **Prerequisites:**

## No prerequisite

## **Course Materials**

Required:

* *A New Approach to Sight Singing*, 6th edition by Berkowitz/Fontrier/Kraft/Goldstein/Smaldone ISBN 978-0-393-28491-1
* Auralia 5 Cloud

## **Course-Specific Requirements**

Bring staff paper, a folder or notebook and pencil to class daily.

## **Course Description**

This course is the first of a two-term sequence. Aural Skills are the ability to hear relationships in music, to notate music correctly, and to audiate written notation. To audiate is to be able to hear in the mind’s ear much as to visualize means to see something in the mind’s eye. The two main activities we use to develop these skills are dictation exercises and sight singing. These skills will improve your ability to play music from a score accurately and have a greater understanding of music you play and hear. Regular class participation and out of class work is essential. This is a skills-based course and it is vital that you practice the exercises covered in class on a daily basis.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

* Sing a melody with solfege and Curwin hand-signs using the moveable do system.
* Identify, establish and maintain the key and tempo of a given melody.
* Sing and conduct while maintaining rhythmic accuracy and tempo.
* Identify the quality (major or minor) of a triad.
* Identify and notate melodies and chord progressions using combinations of chords.

# **Class Policies**

## **Behavior and Expectations**

You are held accountable to the [Student Code of Conduct](https://www.linnbenton.edu/current-students/administration-information/policies/students-rights-responsibilities-and-conduct), which outlines expectations pertaining to academic honesty (including cheating and plagiarism), classroom conduct, and general conduct.

### **Guidelines for communication**

Contact the instructor by email or text message.

### **Use of cell phones**

Do not use cell phones during class. You will be asked to leave if you use your cell phone without permission.

## **Attendance/Tardiness Policy**

Attendance will not be taken. Students are responsible for attending class and practicing skills.

## **Testing**

Testing will consist of two individual tests and three group tests.

Make-up testing is only available in cases of personal injury or trauma. Students should contact the instructor to schedule a make-up test.

The final exam is Monday, March 18 at 8:00-9:50 am in IA242

## **Grading**

Testing will be 2 individual tests worth 40 points each and three group tests worth 40 points each. A total of 200 points is available. The individual test will assess singing and rhythm skills. One will be during week five and the other during finals week. Group tests will be announced in class and will be during week four and eight. The final group test will be during the finals time period. Group testing will assess dictation skills for melody, harmony and rhythm.

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| **Letter Grade** | **Percentage** | **Performance** |
| A | 90-100% | Excellent Work |
| B | 80-89% | Good Work |
| C | 70-79% | Average Work |
| D | 60-69% | Poor Work |
| F | 0-59% | Failing Work |

### **Late Assignment Policy**

Assignments are opportunities to get feedback from the instructor. Students are encouraged to complete homework, but there is no grade for assignments. Late assignments will be assessed as time permits. Additional feedback can be received by making an appointment with the instructor for assessment of skills.

# **College Policies**

## **LBCC Email and Course Communications**

You are responsible for all communications sent via Moodle and to your LBCC email account. You are required to use your LBCC provided email account for all email communications at the College. You may access your LBCC student email account through Student Email and your Moodle account through Moodle.

**Disability and Access Statement**

LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in the class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the [CFAR Website](https://www.linnbenton.edu/cfar) for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

## **Statement of Inclusion**

To promote academic excellence and learning environments that encourage multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas, all courses at LBCC will provide students the opportunity to interact with values, opinions, and/or beliefs different than their own in safe, positive and nurturing learning environments. LBCC is committed to producing culturally literate individuals capable of interacting, collaborating and problem-solving in an ever-changing community and diverse workforce.

## **Title IX Reporting Policy**

If you or another student are the victim of any form of sexual misconduct (including dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment), or any form of gender discrimination, LBCC can assist you. You can [report](https://linnbenton-advocate.symplicity.com/public_report/index.php/pid073717) a violation of our sexual misconduct policy directly to our Title IX Coordinator. You may also report the issue to a faculty member, who is required to notify the Coordinator, or you may make an appointment to speak confidentially to our Advising and Career Center by calling 541-917-4780.

## **Public Safety/Campus Security/**[**Emergency Resources**](http://www.linnbenton.edu/public-safety-emergency-planning)**:**

In an emergency, call 911. Also, call LBCC Campus Security/Public Safety at 541-926-6855 and 541-917-4440.

From any LBCC phone, you may alternatively dial extension 411 or 4440. LBCC has a [public safety app](http://lbccpublicsafety.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop) available for free. We encourage people to download it to their cell phones. Public Safety also is the home for LBCC's Lost & Found. They provide escorts for safety when needed. Visit them to learn more.

# **Changes to the Syllabus**

I reserve the right to change the contents of this syllabus due to unforeseen circumstances. You will be given notice of relevant changes in class, through a Moodle Announcement, or through LBCC e-mail.

**There will be no class on Monday,January 21 in observance of MLK Holiday or February 18 for President’s day.**