

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts
Music Department

Course Number and Title

MUSI 1653, Basic Musicianship

Catalog Description

Basic study of the principles of notation, rhythm, melody, and harmony in order to experience practical application. Includes study of sight singing, ear training and keyboard skills.

Prerequisites

None required.

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

3 Credit / 3 Contact / 3 Load

Target Audience and Transfer

This course is designed as a general introduction to the art of music for all transfer students. It is also a required course for music majors at most four-year institutions. The course is also structured to appeal to community members who want a college-level experience in music literature.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing this course will

- Demonstrate knowledge of the historical periods of music history.
- Recognize orchestral instruments and standard musical ensembles.
- Utilize the elements of music in basic aural analysis
- Prove competence in the use of a basic list of basic musical terms.
- Show familiarity with local arts venues

Topics

Elements, Standard ensembles, Historical periods and styles, Musical theatre, Opera, Non-Western styles

Forms of Assessment

Tests, evaluation of individual and group assignments, in-class discussion of concert experiences. Instructors of this course will meet yearly to chart selected results from various sections for assessment purposes.