

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**Official Course Syllabus Document**  
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

**COURSE:**

MUS 144 – Aural Skills II (1 credit)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

**INSTRUCTOR:**

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Aural Skills I – IV is a regimen of skills classes designed to increase the student's aural comprehension and musicianship skills. The courses are closely correlated to the music theory sequence (MUS 201, MUS 202, MUS 241, and MUS 242) and will help expand the student's intervallic recognition and ability to recognize rhythmic, melodic and harmonic structures and patterns in music they hear, and write these down (dictation). The courses will also introduce and expand on solfege (sight singing) and basic conducting techniques.

Prerequisite: MUS 143

**TEXTBOOK:**

Materials supplied by instructor.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Building on MUS 143, the student will be able to:

- Student will demonstrate competency in general musicianship in solo and ensemble performance as well as advanced music theory.
  - Demonstrate basic conducting patterns and perform a wider variety of written rhythmic patterns at sight.
  - Sing major and minor scales, intervals, triads and short tonal melodies using solfege and identify types of intervals triads and seventh chords by ear.
- Display aural comprehension of music.
  - Notate short melodic and harmonic dictation exercises.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	<b>DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class 15 h required</b>	<b>Student Work Out of Classroom 35 h required</b>
In-class instruction and discussion	15 hours	
Outside practice		25 hours
Exam preparation		10 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15 h</b>	<b>35 h</b>

### **ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:**

Quizzes	30%
Mid-term	20%
Final Exam	30%
Attendance*	20%

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one's own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one's own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one's own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: "I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do."

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

### **Services for Students with Disabilities:**

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.