MUS 102A: Theory and Musicianship Lab I  
MW 12-12:50  
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Required Texts:

Daniel Kazez, Rhythm Reading: Elementary through Advanced Training (Second Edition)  
Nancy Rogers and Robert Ottman, Music for Sight Singing (Eighth or Ninth Edition)

Assignments and Grading:

Class participation is absolutely the most important part of our meetings! Please bring a pencil and staff paper to each class. Don’t use laptops, tablets, or phones in class. Active participation will be constitute 50% of your final grade. The goal is for everyone in the class to grow and improve, so this will be our number one focus.

Weekly homework will take the form of dictations (harmonic, rhythmic, and melodic), sight-singing, and other various tasks. All homework assignments will be posted on our Latte page. Homework will constitute 30% of your final grade.

We will have periodic “check-ins” where we measure progress with dictation and sight-singing. These will constitute the final 20% of your grade.

There will be some opportunities for extra credit throughout the semester.

Attendance policy:

In recognition of the often stressful environment at Brandeis, you are allowed up to three unexcused absences, no questions asked. After three unexcused absences, you will lose 4% of your total final grade for each additional unexcused absence. For example, if your final grade in the class is a 93, an A, and you’ve missed 5 classes, I’ll mark you down 8 points (-4 for each unexcused absences over the limit) to an 85, a B.

Excused absences are only granted in the case of serious illness or emergency. If you need an excused absence, contact both me and your academic advisor (see Brandeis’s policy here: http://www.brandeis.edu/advising/policies/absence.html).
**Students With Disabilities:** If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in this class, please see me immediately.

**Academic Integrity:** “Academic integrity is central to the mission of educational excellence at Brandeis University. Each student is expected to turn in work completed independently, except when assignments specifically authorize collaborative effort. It is not acceptable to use the words or ideas of another person--be it a world-class philosopher or your lab partner--without proper acknowledgement of that source…Violations of University policies on academic integrity, described in Section 3 of Rights and Responsibilities, may result in failure in the course or on the assignment, and could end in suspension from the University. If you are in doubt about the instructions for any assignment in this course, you must ask for clarification” (From the Office of Academic Affairs).

**Important Semester Dates:**
- **Th 9/6** Substitute Monday Class Schedule
- **M 9/10** No Class: Rosh Hashanah
- **F 9/14** Last Day to Add Classes
- **W 9/19** No Class: Yom Kippur No Class
- **M 9/24** No Class: Sukkot
- **T 9/25** Substitute Monday Class Schedule
- **M 10/1** No Class: Shmini Atzeret
- **W 10/17** Last day to drop without a “W”
- **W 11/21** No Class: Thanksgiving
- **M 12/10** Final Class Meeting