



MUSC 160 Theory of Music, Basic Techniques

If you are intending to take a degree in Classical Music, you will be required to take MUSC 166, Classical Theory in your first year. This paper assumes a good knowledge of the basics of musical notation and aural awareness and reaches an advanced level of the subject in a short time span. It is essential for students to have a secure knowledge of the basics at the outset.

An indication of what is required can be found in a self assessment test, with answers, on the NZSM web site at:

<http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/study/selftests.aspx>

and this test also available from the New Zealand School of Music office at Kelburn.

To help intending students with little or no musical background, the NZSM is running a 20 point summer course – MUSC 160 Basic Musical Techniques - 9am to 11am, Monday to Friday from 11 January until 12 February 2010 inclusive.

MUSC 160 assumes no previous knowledge of musical notation, and covers music theory and aural training up to about Grade 5/6 level, but oriented towards knowledge and skills required to begin a degree in Classical Music at the NZSM. Keyboard study is part of the paper, with students working at their own pace - those with some previous experience are encouraged to build on that, while those with none can start from the beginning. This is not a performance course - keyboard is studied to help with a general understanding of Music.

Although dealing with elementary music, the paper progresses quickly for students with no previous musical experience, and it is suggested that students need to spend about 24 hrs study per week including class time to be successful. Therefore it is not possible to undertake this paper while in full time employment.

Besides assisting intending music students, MUSC160 is also of interest for students of English, Drama, Languages, Teaching and Education, and the skills acquired in this paper can equally well be applied to both Classical and more contemporary styles of music

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