

# MTD PREP THEORY Fall 2021

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Dates: Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:00 – 7:00pm

Location: New Westminster campus, Rm N3220

This course will be held in person. Masks are currently required to be worn while access all indoor public spaces at Douglas College.

This course is designed to teach the rudimentary elements of music theory, and to prepare the student to meet the requirements for the MTD theory entrance assessment. The materials covered in this class are approximate to the materials assessed by the Royal Conservatory of Music's Grade 8 Theory Exam.

## Course Overview

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1. Basic notation of pitch and rhythm
2. An understanding of and the ability to notate:
  - The Major/Minor scale system including key signatures and the circle of fifths
  - Intervals
  - Chords, including both triads and 7<sup>th</sup> chords and their inversions
  - Simple and Compound time, time signatures, and the conventions of organizing rhythm into complete measures
3. An introduction to modes and other scale systems, as time allows

Students will be exempt from writing the MTD Theory assessment based on their class work and results of the final quiz. Those whose results are low or borderline will be asked to write the assessment and be provided with specific areas to work on to help them to succeed.

It should be noted that this course is highly intensive, and is best suited for the musician who wishes to review and solidify their understanding of theory. Further, it is more suited for the highly motivated student with some basic ideas of theory and notation who can absorb this material very quickly than the one with absolutely no experience in reading or writing music or of an understanding of basic scales and chords. For the student with no previous music theory experience, it is strongly recommended that they study and learn at least some very basic music theory before taking this course.

## Required Textbook

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The required text for this course is a workbook called **'The Complete Elementary Music Rudiments' (M. Sarnecki, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)**, and is available at Long & McQuade stores. The prospective student is encouraged to get it and begin studying it well before the course begins.

## To Register

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[Register Online](#), Contact the Registrar's Office: **604 527 5472**

**Please tell the Registrar's Office that you are registering for a non-credit course through the Community Music School.** To register you will need your Douglas College student number and the CRN for this course: **CRN 31357**

## A Note about MTD Prep Classes

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While the MTD prep classes are highly recommended, neither class is mandatory. Participation in the prep classes does not guarantee acceptance into the MTD program.