



Department of Music & Theater Arts

ADVANCED MUSIC THEORY & COMPOSITION

Level: Honors

Course # 8424

Prerequisite: Basic Music Theory or teacher's approval.

In this course the student will learn to realize a figured bass and part-write with proper voice leading as formalized by J. S. Bach. The students will also discover the function of harmony, learn to write chord progressions, and how to harmonize their melodies. In addition, contemporary musical styles will also be explored. Emphasis is placed on the creative process of composition while learning advanced concepts of music theory.

Students will compose, arrange, and analyze music throughout the year learning about phrasing and different musical forms. The course is highly creative and will include the performance of classmates' compositions.