MUSIC THEORY & ANALYSIS
(MTA)

MTA 402 - ADVANCED ORCHESTRATION
Scoring for various ensembles with emphasis on larger groups and orchestral writing. Study of representative traditional and contemporary scores, presentations, and arrangement projects.
Credits: 3

MTA 406 - ANALYSIS OF POST-TONAL MUSIC
Major analytical methodologies of the post-tonal era, and their application to important 20th-21st century compositions. Pitch class set theory and fixed integer notation; dodecaphonic method and the Second Viennese School; post-war multiserialism (Messiaen, Boulez, Stravinsky); sound mass, micropolyphony, and net-structures (Penderecki, Ligeti); aleatoricism and textural technique in Lutoslawski; spectrale; minimalism as aesthetic, style, and technique; New Complexity and irrational meter; polystylistic, tempo types, contour theory, multimedia, and musical journalism in the present age (e.g. Gubaidulina, Corigliano, Wolfe, Du Yun).
Credits: 3

MTA 425 - INTRODUCTORY ELECTROACOUSTIC MUSIC
Introduction to music and sonic-art created through the means of electronics and computers. The history and theory of electro-acoustic music, musical acoustics, psychoacoustics, digital audio theory, digital signal processing. Development of listening skills. The main focus is on students' personal creative projects; students will complete one fixed electronic music project and several assignments on Max/MSP.
Credits: 3

MTA 426 - ELECTROACOUSTIC MUSIC II
Continuation of MTA 425. This class focuses on electro-acoustic music composition in fixed media with one instrument, and a brief introduction to live electronics with one instrument and digital video art using Max/MSP/Jitter. This class is offered in conjunction with the biennial Electro-Acoustic Music Festival where all students' works will be featured as well as works by guest composers.
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: MTA 425

MTA 495 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Independent Study.
Credits: 1-3