

Introduction to Ear Training (Aural Skills) (IET)

10 week class during the 1st semester

11:45-12:30

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Developed and taught at Lipscomb University for five years, Simon brings this incredible course to our students. Classes are limited to only six students, and therefore effectively caters towards the individual student, impacting both the instrumentalist and vocalist by enriching their musical skills.

Aural Skills is the bridge between music theory and your ear, enriching the student in two ways.

First it is very important to be able to hear music in your minds ear before you play or sing it. Aural skills strengthens your inner ear to be able to do that more effectively. This will limit mistakes and improve accuracy when sight reading.

Secondly, it trains the ear to hear rhythm, melody, or harmony and be able to know exactly what is being played without seeing it written on a page. This allows you to listen to music with a much deeper understanding of what is actually going on rhythmically, melodically, and harmonically. You will no longer wonder why certain music sounds a certain way. You will know exactly what is going on by just listening.

Theory without aural skills is like someone who knows all the English grammar but can't understand what's being said when listening as well as not being able to read on sight without working the sounds out.

Theory is only theoretical without the ear understanding what it is hearing and why it sounds a certain way. No matter what instrument one plays, everyone's most important instrument is their ear.

Eligibility: Current enrollment in at least one of the following: Joyful Harmony Choir, Worship Band, Jazz Band, Select Band, or String Ensemble.

Requirements: Ears and a pencil. Staff paper will be provided.

Minimum: 3 Maximum: 6

Semester Classes		Semester Cost		20% Deposit + 4 Monthly Payments			
<i>NOTE: The Ear Training class must have a minimum of 4 students to offer discount</i>							
Intro to Ear Training (10 wks.)	:45	\$170.00	\$136.00	\$34.00	\$27.20	\$34.00	\$27.20
		(\$17.00/wk)	(\$13.60/wk)				