

## MUSIC ONLINE COURSES

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### Bad News!

1. The online courses I have been teaching are *Music 100 (Introduction To Music) Online*, *150A (Basic Musicianship) Online*, *109 (World Music) Online* at San Diego Mesa College and *Music 105 (Music Fundamentals) Online* at Miracosta College. Each of these courses is usually full before each semester begins. But **NOT** all students enrolled finish the course. Perhaps many of these students thought that the course was going to be easy before they enrolled, since it is an online course. If this is what they think, they are mistaken, since the average student upon completing an online course will work on it at least **6 hours per week**. This is based on a 16-week semester.

2. Another possible problem is not being able to handle the many distractions that normally happen around the home, where many people work on their courses. Maybe the TV is on, or people are visiting, or there are babies to take care of. Life is hectic. Often, the home is not the best learning environment. Time management can be problematic for some people. So, if you aren't self-disciplined enough to work regularly on your own, you would be better off taking ordinary "face to face" classes.

3. If you are either of the types of people described above, thinking that this course would be easy, or finding it difficult to manage distractions or manage time, I highly recommend that you drop this course before you open the textbook making it non-returnable. We will do you a favor by not giving you a "W" on your transcript and you will be doing yourself a favor by not starting something that you are likely not going to finish.

### Good News!

1. You have a very enthusiastic instructor who is willing to help you succeed. If you live in San Diego County, I am more than happy to meet with you in my office to assist you with anything that is troublesome. Email me to schedule your visit. My office is Mesa College C213. If you are at either Miracosta San Elijo or Oceanside campus, see my office hours from my site.

2. If you consistently spend roughly **1-2 hours** per day and turn in all the assignments on each due date, you will not only keep up, but you will succeed!

3. Also, just because a "due date" may be a month away, but it does not mean you need to wait until then. Go as fast as you wish. You might be able to finish the whole course a month before the final date!