

## **MU 4310 Senior Project in THEORY/ANALYSIS**

A Senior Project in Theory/Analysis will involve original research and analysis of a size and scope that constitute a substantial challenge to the student. The student will write a formal, scholarly paper of approximately twenty pages (including diagrams and illustrations) plus a precise bibliography. A public presentation reading or summarizing their paper is strongly encouraged.

During the semester in which the student will complete the work, the student must enroll for 1 credit hour in MU 4310 Sr Composition/Theory Project. Students should consult with their intended Senior Project instructor during the semester prior to registering for MU 4310, and are expected to have an approved project plan in place at the start of the MU 4310 semester.

The exact nature of the work will depend on the interests and experience of the student and will be determined in advance and with the approval of the MU 4310 instructor.

## **Preview Examination for the Senior Project in THEORY/ANALYSIS**

Successful completion of the Preview Examination is required for all students enrolled in MU 4310. This examination must be taken 4-6 weeks prior to the end of the semester or the date of the public presentation of the project. Passing the Preview Examination signifies that the faculty is confident the project can be completed satisfactorily within the time frame of the MU 4310 course, and (where applicable) constitutes permission to proceed with a Department-sponsored presentation. The examination will be heard by full-time faculty (as with a Solo Recital Audition).

For the Preview, the student will prepare an oral presentation of approximately fifteen minutes demonstrating substantial work on the Senior Project. The presentation may take the form of a comprehensive outline of the entire project, a finished section with an outline for completion of the project, or a preliminary draft of a complete document. Using the blackboard, whiteboard, or projector, providing details on handouts, and demonstrating materials at the keyboard are all appropriate tools for the presentation. Students should be prepared to provide brief oral answers to questions posed by the faculty.

Preview Examinations are scheduled as needed by the Department Office. Please contact the office for schedule information.

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