Welcome to MUS 100 Online! My name is Dr. Paul Lombardi. The purpose of this class is to help you become a better musician, and/or to prepare you for further study in music theory.

Textbook, Materials, and Technology

- No textbook (all materials are within the course under the Content tab)
- Computer, printer, and speakers or headphones
- Reliable access to the internet
- Reliable access to a scanner, fax machine, or tablet computer
- Staff paper (among other places, http://www.blanksheetmusic.net/)
- Pencil (do not use pen)

The University of South Dakota has established minimum technology requirements for participation in online courses. These are outlined under the “Technology Support and Requirements” section in the Online Student Handbook, which can also be accessed from within the course. Furthermore, my office hours facilitated via a web-conferencing system called Collaborate.

General Expectations

This class is 3 credits. A traditional 3-credit general-education class meets for approximately 3 hours per week for 16 weeks, and depending on the particular circumstances, can require as much as twice that amount of time in homework. Since this is an online class, the in-class time is replaced by learning through reading and examples. Although the time commitment will vary from student to student, 3–6 hours per week should be ample time to complete all the course materials. For the summer 8-week condensed session, your time commitment of course will be greater.

Getting Started

First, you will want to access the course in Desire2Learn (D2L). This can be done via the USD student portal, http://my.usd.edu, or directly via https://d2l.sdbor.edu. You will not be able to access the course until the start date (May 15). Next, you should familiarize yourself with the Online Student Handbook, which can also be access from within the course. It contains important information on accessing USD’s online resources.

Once in the course, you should do the following:
1. Read through the items in the Getting Started section on the top, left-hand side of the course homepage (especially the syllabus and schedule).
2. Orient yourself to the course components: News, Content (where all course materials reside), Discussions, etc.
3. Post your introduction in the first week’s discussion topic.
4. Send me an email at Paul.Lombardi@usd.edu to introduce yourself.
5. Begin the first lesson under Content.

Feel free to contact me by email if you have any questions. I will usually respond to your emails within 24 hours. Good luck and have a great semester!