

Music Theory Fundamentals Resources

To help prepare you for your music theory coursework at TCU, we recommend brushing up on the fundamentals of music (note reading, intervals, keys, rhythm, meter, harmonies, etc.). The following resources may be of help.

Music Professor – Music Theory

Taught by Dr. Blaise Ferrandino, Professor of Music Theory and Composition at TCU

3.5 hours of video content around several lessons. Self-paced with video instruction. \$78.

<https://www.musicprofessor.com/products/music-theory>

The Great Courses – Music Theory: The Foundation of Great Music

Taught by Dr. Sean Atkinson, Associate Professor of Music Theory at TCU

18 half-hour lessons that cover the fundamentals of music theory and extend to harmonic progressions and score reading. Self-paced with video instruction (includes a workbook with exercises). Free (with a 2-week trial to Wondrium).

<https://www.wondrium.com/music-theory-the-foundation-of-great-music>

Coursera – Fundamentals of Music Theory

A long, but comprehensive dive into music theory fundamentals produced by the University of Edinburgh. Self-paced with video instruction. Free.

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/edinburgh-music-theory>

musictheory.net

Online resource that contains lessons in music fundamentals as well as self-paced exercises to help drill concepts such as note reading, interval identification, and chord identification. Covers basic ear-training as well. Self-paced. Free.

<https://www.musictheory.net/lessons>

openmusictheory.com

Online textbook that covers the fundamentals of music theory and goes into more advanced topics. Self-paced. Free.

<http://openmusictheory.com/contents.html>