**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**Orchestration Review (MUCO 339)**

**Monday & Wednesday, 9-9:50am ONLINE**

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REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

Kennan/Grantham *The Technique of Orchestration*, 6th edition

Orchestral Staff Paper and/or computer notation software (Finale, Sibelius, Musescore, etc.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Orchestration Review is a general review course of basic orchestration techniques, focusing on arrangements for small and large ensembles, instrumental ranges, playing techniques, transpositions, and score reading skills.

HOMEWORK

There will be regular homework assignments to reinforce material covered in class. These will be primarily written assignments and analysis. No late work will be accepted. If you are away for a professional engagement, you must notify me ahead of time and turn in assignments upon your return. You are responsible for all assignments given during your absence.

TESTS AND QUIZZES

Expect some short take-home quizzes. There will also be a Mid-Term project and a Final Exam project.

GRADING

Homework & Quizzes 60%

Midterm Project 20%

Final Exam Project 20%

MID-TERM & FINAL EXAM PROJECTS

Due to the semester being online, there will not be a midterm or final exam. Instead, there will be a midterm exam project and final exam project. Details to follow. Below are the due dates for each:

**Midterm project**: Monday, September 28

**Final Exam Project**: Monday, November 16 (Note that this date is after classes end on 11/13)

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is a USC on-line resource where you can see your grades from the class, check for assignments, and find this syllabus as well as other class-related materials. The URL is: **blackboard.usc.edu**

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required\*

It is expected that students will have access to a desktop or laptop computer that can send and receive PDFs. Class may be attended via a tablet, or, worst-case scenario, a smart phone. That said, a computer is by far the best medium for class.

**\*USC technology rental program**  
We realize that attending classes online and completing coursework remotely requires access to technology that not all students possess. If you need resources to successfully participate in your classes, such as a laptop or internet hotspot, you may be eligible for the university’s equipment rental program. To apply, please [submit an application.](https://studentbasicneeds.usc.edu/resources/technology-assistance/) The Student Basic Needs team will contact all applicants in early August and distribute equipment to eligible applicants prior to the start of the fall semester.

**USC Technology Support Links**

[Zoom information for students](https://keepteaching.usc.edu/start-learning/)

[Blackboard help for students](https://studentblackboardhelp.usc.edu/)

[Software available to USC Campus](https://software.usc.edu/)

**Synchronous session recording notice**

As required by USC, the synchronous sessions for this course will be recorded and provided to all students asynchronously. This policy does not apply to individual lessons.

**Sharing of course materials outside of the learning environment**

USC has a policy that prohibits sharing of any synchronous and asynchronous course content outside of the learning environment. Please do not share or otherwise distribute class materials, music scores or recordings produced by me or any students in the conduct of this course without expressed permission.

*SCampus Section 11.12(B)*

*Distribution or use of notes or recordings based on university classes or lectures without the express permission of the instructor for purposes other than individual or group study is a violation of the USC Student Conduct Code. This includes, but is not limited to, providing materials for distribution by services publishing class notes. This restriction on unauthorized use also applies to all information, which had been distributed to students or in any way had been displayed for use in relationship to the class, whether obtained in class, via email, on the Internet or via any other media. (SeeSection C.1 Class Notes Policy).*

**Zoom etiquette**

I expect you to demonstrate your presence and participation in class by your being on camera in all Zoom sessions. If you will be unable to keep your camera on during the synchronous Zoom session, please contact me prior to the class session to discuss.

**Academic Conduct**

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in SCampus in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” [policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b](https://policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b/). Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in SCampus and university policies on scientific misconduct, [policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct](http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct).

**Support Systems**

*Counseling and Mental Health - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call*

[studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling](https://studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling/)

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1 (800) 273-8255 – 24/7 on call*

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/)

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-9355(WELL), press “0” after hours – 24/7 on call*

[studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault](https://studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault/)

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

*Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) - (213) 740-5086 | Title IX – (213) 821-8298*

[equity.usc.edu](https://equity.usc.edu/), [titleix.usc.edu](http://titleix.usc.edu)

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

*Reporting Incidents of Bias or Harassment - (213) 740-5086 or (213) 821-8298*

[usc-advocate.symplicity.com/care\_report](https://usc-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report/)

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office of Equity and Diversity |Title IX for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

*The Office of Disability Services and Programs - (213) 740-0776*

[dsp.usc.edu](http://dsp.usc.edu/)

Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

*USC Campus Support and Intervention - (213) 821-4710*

[campussupport.usc.edu](https://campussupport.usc.edu/)

Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

*Diversity at USC - (213) 740-2101*

[diversity.usc.edu](https://diversity.usc.edu/)

Information on events, programs and training, the Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

*USC Emergency - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call*

[dps.usc.edu](http://dps.usc.edu/), [emergency.usc.edu](http://emergency.usc.edu/)

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

*USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call*

[dps.usc.edu](http://dps.usc.edu/)

Non-emergency assistance or information.