

PERF 3031 ARRANGING MUSIC

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject extends concepts and skills necessary to arrange music in popular-commercial and orchestral contexts. Lectures provide background on the use of instruments, harmony, timbre and texture, and tutorials provide practical exercises in preparation for the assignments.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Music

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) PERF 2015 OR PERF 2004

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Arrange a given melody for piano/short score.
2. Construct an arrangement for large ensemble of a pre-existing piano score.
3. Arrange a song for a medium sized ensemble.
4. Analyse the musical roles of instruments in a musical score, and be familiar with the ranges of the instruments.
5. Score idiomatic parts for a range of instruments.
6. Apply stylistic elements of a chosen genre to their own arrangements.

Subject Content

1. Skills in arranging for piano, and for medium and large ensembles
2. Theoretical knowledge of harmony, chord voicing and musical textures
3. Practical knowledge of instrument capabilities
4. Practical knowledge of computer notation and musical scoring conventions

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type | Length | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group Task | Mandatory |
|-------------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Professional Task | 82 bars | 40 | N | Individual | N |
| Professional Task | 88 bars | 40 | N | Individual | N |
| Quiz | 20 minutes | 20 | N | Individual | Y |

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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