

Discipline Specific Elective – 4 B

Theory: Study of Western Music System

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
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Study of Western Music System DSE -4 B	4	3	1	0	• B.A. (Hons.) Music Pass • B.A. with Music Must have learnt for a minimum of 6 years at an established music institute or from a reputed artiste /guru	Must have learned the raga and tala covered in the BA (Hons) Course. Must have covered the raga, tala of 1st semester of M A

Credit:4

Course Objectives:

- It is to give the students an understanding of the western music system. This course will help them understand various concepts of western music, including different scales, instruments and staff notation systems. Students will also learn about the contribution of prominent musicians as well.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Students get the knowledge about basic concepts of western music like Harmony, Melody and Chords.
- Students get to know about various scales in western music.
- Students get to learn about the Staff Notation System.
- Students get the knowledge about western string and wind instruments
- Students get to know about the prominent western musicians.

Content:

Unit I: Study of the Western music concepts (9 hours)

Knowledge of the following Western music concepts –

- Harmony
- Melody
- Chords
- Choral music

Unit II: Study of the Western musical scales and Staff Notation System (17 hours)

Study of the following scales and Staff Notation System –

- Equally Tempered scale
- Diatonic scale
- Major and minor scales
- Staff Notation System

Unit III: Description of Western musical instruments (10 hours)

Study of the following musical instruments –

- Flute
- Saxophone
- Violin
- Piano

Unit IV: Biographical studies of Western music composers (9 hours)

Contributions of music composers to Western music –

- Bach
- Beethoven
- Mozart
- Handel

Suggestive readings:

- Encyclopaedic Dictionary of World Musical Instruments, Edited by P.S. Ganguly, Global Vision Publishing House. Delhi. Vol. 1. 2008
- The History of Musical Instruments, Curt Sachs, J.M. Dent 7 and Sons, Ltd. London, 1st Published :1940
- Heritage of Music – Vol. I - IV (The Romantic Era), Edited by Michael Raebun and Alan Kendall, Oxford University Press.1989
- History of Music in England, Ernest Walker, Oxford at the Clarendon Press. London1952
- Heritage of Music – Vol. I - IV (Music in the Twentieth Century), Michael Raeburn and Alan Kendall, Oxford University Press. 1989
- Evolution of Music, Dance and Drama, Deepika Biswas, ABD Publishers, Jaipur.2009