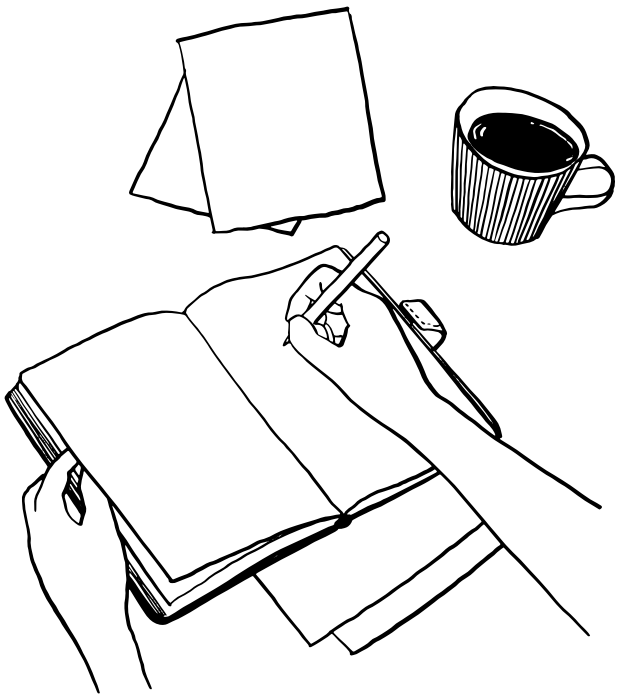
Final Project: Short Composition

Draft Due Tues, Dec 1



Let's do one more round of compositions for the end of the semester. The assignment is exactly the same as last time, a very short composition that you write down in notation and perform for the class.

It doesn't need to be some great masterpiece - my goal is for you to produce about 15 seconds of music. (That could be eight measures of 4/4 at medium tempo. Remember that good music often repeats itself, so you can get a lot of mileage out of that!) Max length is one page.

Key

Please use a key other than C major.

Instrumentation

It can be a single melodic line that you play on piano, or something more elaborate than that. (Piano two hands, a melody or riff for guitar, something to sing (maybe even with words) a duet with two parts, many things are possible. If you use guitar, though, please make it something with written out notes, not just chords.)

Presentation Days

Let's submit drafts on **Tuesday, Dec 1** and then we'll present our compositions on that Tuesday and Friday, Dec 4. I will look at a draft before then if you like.

Grading

This is in the syllabus as 5% of your total grade. If your notation is correct and the performance matches what you wrote I will probably go with a 100, and if there are problems I will do less than that. I'm not really grading on the quality of the composition, but I tend to like everything you guys make and will say so in the feedback. :) Really the challenge here is in writing something you can play, and then playing it correctly! It's harder than you think.

If you do not make the deadline of Dec 1 or 4 I will accept a written composition only, with a max grade of 85.