



Online Music Theory February - May 2026

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The following courses are designed to prepare for the **RCM exams on May 8-9, 2026; RCM registration deadline: March 3, 2026.**
<No classes on March Break (Mar. 20-21), and Easter weekend (Apr. 4-5).>

Subject	Date	Time (EDT: UTC-4 / EST: UTC-5)	Location	Instructor	Fee
Comprehensive Level 8 Theory (No prerequisite)	Jan 24 - May 2 (Sat)	9:00-11:00am	online	Dennis Chan	\$505 (tuition \$415, textbook + material \$90)
Level 9 Harmony & Counterpoint (Prerequisite: Level 8 Theory)	Jan 25 - May 3 (Sun)	1:30-3:30pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$505 (tuition \$415, textbook + material \$90)
Level 9 History (Prerequisite: Level 8 Theory)	Jan 24 - May 2 (Sat)	11:00am-1:00pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$465 (tuition \$415, textbook \$50)
Level 10 Harmony & Counterpoint (Prereq: Level 8 Theory, Level 9 Harmony)	Jan 25 - May 3 (Sun)	3:30-5:30pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$505 (tuition \$415, textbook + material \$90)
Level 10 History (Prereq: Level 8 Theory, Level 9 History)	Jan 25 - May 3 (Sun)	5:30-7:30pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$465 (tuition \$415, textbook \$50)
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ARCT History (Prereq: Level 8 Theory, Level 9 & 10 History)	Jan 28 - May 6 (Wed)	7:30-9:30pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$520 (tuition \$465, textbook \$55)
ARCT Analysis (Prereq: Level 8 Theory, Level 9 Harmony, Level 10 Harmony & Counterpoint)	Jan 28 - May 6 (Wed)	5:30-7:30pm	online	Dennis Chan	\$615 (tuition \$465, textbook + material \$150)

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RCM Teacher Numbers: Dennis Chan: 51179, (USA students 11842).

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 - b. Online application for RCME examinations is available at www.rcmusic.com/examinations/. Paper application submission will cost extra.
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 - d. Please use the appropriate RCM Teacher Number when register: **Dennis Chan-51179 (USA students-11842)**,
5. Course Expectation:
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Music Theory Classes May - August 2026 Tentative Schedule 6 Weeks Intensive: July - August

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