

## Chord Symbol Labels

(options in parentheses and italics show how chords may be labeled in sheet music; when completing assignments, please label chords as shown in the examples)

**Major Triad:** Use a Capital Letter

- C Major Chord = C; F Major Chord = F; G Major Chord = G

**Dominant (or Barbershop) 7<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter plus a 7 (*dom 7*)

- C Dominant Chord = C7; F# Dominant Chord = F#7; B $\flat$  Dominant Chord = B $\flat$ 7

**Dominant (or Barbershop) 9<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter plus a 9 (*dom 9*)

- C Dominant 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = C9; G $\flat$  Dominant 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = G $\flat$ 9; C# Dominant 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = C#9

**Major 6<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter plus a 6 (*M6 or Maj6*)

- C Major 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = C6; A $\flat$  Major 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = A $\flat$ 6; D Major 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = D6

**Major 7<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter, plus a Capital M, plus a 7 (*M7 or Maj7*)

- C Major 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = CM7; F Major 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = FM7; E $\flat$  Major 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = E $\flat$ M7

**Major 9<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter, plus a Capital M, plus a 9 (*Maj9*)

- C Major 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = CM9; G Major 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = GM9; D $\flat$  Major 9<sup>th</sup> Chord = D $\flat$ M9

**Minor Triad:** Use a Capital Letter plus a lower-case m (*min or lower case of root name*)

- C Minor Chord = Cm; G Minor Chord = Gm; A $\flat$  Minor Chord = A $\flat$ m

**Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter, plus a lower-case m, plus a 6 (*min6*)

- C Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = Cm6; F# Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = F#m6; B $\flat$  Minor 6<sup>th</sup> Chord = B $\flat$ m6

**Minor 7<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use a Capital Letter, plus a lower-case m, plus a 7 (*min7*)

- C Minor 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = Cm7; F Minor 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = Fm7; B Minor 7<sup>th</sup> Chord = Bm7

**Augmented Triad:** Use a Capital Letter plus a "+" sign or a Capital Letter plus "aug"

- C Augmented Chord = C<sup>+</sup> or C<sup>aug</sup>; G Augmented Chord = G<sup>+</sup> or G<sup>aug</sup>

**Diminished 7<sup>th</sup> Chord:** Use all lower-case letters to write the abbreviation "dim"

- Any Diminished Chord = dim (No letter names are used like the other chords)
- (*sheet music may show the root name plus a symbol, such as C<sup>o</sup>*)