Music Technology MUSC 3893 - 201
T/TH 2:00-3:20 AM, Fain Fine Arts Building B124

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Course Description

Music Technology is a project-based course that focuses on developing skills used to create, manipulate, and distribute music using current technology. Topics include software for music notation, music recording, video editing, and basic website design, as well as creating mobile apps in various musical settings.

Required Course Materials
       Digital Storage: A web-based data storage account, such as Dropbox or Google Drive, or a flash drive.
       Headphones: Personal headphones for playback monitoring and editing.

Course Objectives
• Learn music writing software
• Record and edit audio recordings
• Record and edit videos
• Website design
• Mobile Application design

Attendance

Students may miss class twice without a final grade reduction. Each absence above the two allowed reduces the final grade ten percentage points. Nonparticipation in class equals one absence for each occurrence. Tardy arrival to class will count as ½ of an absence and will affect the student's grade accordingly.

Student Assessment
The student's final grade will consist of the following evaluations:
       • Daily Participation/Preparation: 10%
       • Presentations: 10% (5% each)
       • Projects: 80% (10% each)
The instructor reserves the right to cancel or adjust assignments as the course progresses.

Grading Scale
A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 0-59%

Turn-In Policy

Projects and presentations are due at the beginning of the corresponding class period. Late assignments will not be accepted. Technology is not always consistent or trustworthy, so technological excuses for late work will not be accepted. Complete AND SAVE your work in a timely manner before each due date to ensure credit is awarded for each assignment.

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil protections for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment which provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. In accordance with state and federal law, MSU provides academic accommodations to students with documented disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center (phone 940-397-4140). The instructor is under no obligation to offer accommodations for students with disabilities who are not registered with DSS.

Campus Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies.

Student Privacy

Federal privacy law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases the professor will not discuss a students' academic progress or other matters with his/her parents. Please do not have them call. Regardless of these important legal considerations, the professors' general policy is to communicate with the students, not their parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty including plagiarism and giving or receiving unauthorized assistance is prohibited. Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given. If a student in the class plagiarizes material, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Honor Creed developed and adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the creed reads, "As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so." Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

Social Justice

Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's stated core values, and the professor considers the classroom a place where students are treated with respect as human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Moreover, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided the students can agree to disagree. The professor's expectation is that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Students Expectations/Conduct

Students are required to participate in all class activities. Students are to read weekly assignments, prepare questions, and prepare to answer questions regarding assigned readings. Readings are reviewed in class for clarity and understanding.

Students are to conduct themselves in a professional manner so that all students may learn without distraction or disruption.

College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly. Classroom behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct class or the ability of the other students to benefit from instruction will result in the instructor's removing the disruptive student(s) from class.

	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1 1/16/18	Syllabus	Intro to recording
Week 2 1/23/18	Intro to Recording	Intro to Audacity
Week 3 1/30/18	Intro to Audacity	Intro to Audacity
Week 4 2/6/18	Audacity Project Work	Audacity Project Work
Week 5 2/13/18	Intro to Music Apps	NO CLASS TMEA
Week 6 2/20/18	Intro to App Creation	Intro to App Creation **Audacity Project Due**
Week 7 2/27/18	Music App Project Work	Music App Project Work
Week 8 3/6/18	Intro to Website Design	Intro to Website Design **App Project Due**
Week 9 3/13/18	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
Week 10 3/20/18	Website Project Work	Website Project Work
Week 11 3/27/18	Intro to Musescore	NO CLASS
Week 12 4/3/18	Intro to Musescore **Website Project Due**	Musescore Project Work
Week 13 4/10/18	Musescore Project Work	Intro to iMovie
Week 14 4/17/18	Intro to iMovie	iMovie Project Work
Week 15 4/24/18	iMovie Project Work	iMovie Project Work
Week 16 5/2/18	iMovie Presentations	TBA