



**Music Pedagogy 3823-X11**  
**College of Fine Arts**  
**Midwestern State University**  
**Fall 2024**

**General Information**

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Course Number: MUSC 3823-X11

Class Location: Hardin Administration Building, Room 101 (Akin Auditorium)

Class Time: By appointment

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**Course Description and Objectives**

This course prepares musicians for the profession of teaching in schools and the independent music studio. It also provides an overview on arts administration, music production and the skills necessary for a variety of careers in music and related fields. This course introduces instructional methods, a survey of instructional resources and techniques for the pedagogical development of the individual student musician. Enrolled students will present the findings of each exploration to their peers for feedback and further discussion.

**This music pedagogy course will include:**

Lectures and guest interviews

Self-directed study through various topics

Self-directed study through hands-on application in professional environments

Public presentation of learned materials to a select group of music students

Goal setting and strategizing for future employment opportunity

**Course Requirements**

**Digital workbook:** Create a resource via google drive or related application. Each section of this will include resources, collected instructional manuals and contact information for all professional introductions. **20%**

**Two formal presentations:** This will be planned for a 15-20-minute session. PowerPoint display will be required as an important element of the presentation. **40%**

**Interview:** Interview 3 industry professionals to determine what skills are needed for their occupation. Create a folder in your digital workbook for interview recordings, transcripts or notes. **30%**

**Teaching Philosophy and Reflection:** Write a 2-3 page paper that includes your personal pedagogical philosophy and include significant reflection on each project. **20%**

**Resume:** Create a resume and cover letter that reflects your experience, including the resources collected for this course. **10%**

### **Credit Hours**

3

### **Student Assessment**

Students will be graded according to their preparation, consistency in progress, and overall improvement throughout the semester. The most important element for assessment will be consistent communication with the instructor.

### **Attendance**

You are required to attend all scheduled events and interviews throughout the semester.

Absences will be excused for the following reasons: Illness, death in the family, or an approved and school-sponsored trip. Any other reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In order for any of these absences to be excused, I must be notified **48 hours in advance**. **The final grade for this course will be reduced by one letter for each unexcused absence after the first.**

### **Course Materials**

All materials will be found or created by the student throughout the semester.

### **Communication**

You are welcome to contact me at any time via email. I check messages regularly. If you do not get a response within 24 hours, please text me. Technically, you may text at any time. However, please observe basic etiquette and do not text very early or very late in the day unless it is an emergency.

If you have issues with your assignments, do not wait until your next appointment to resolve the issue. Please reach out for help.

### **Other Information:**

#### **Academic Success Accommodation Policies**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services,

located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to Disability Support Services.

<https://msutexas.edu/student-life/disability/>

### **Important Dates**

Please refer to the official university academic calendar:

<https://msutexas.edu/registrar/calendars.php>

Last day for term schedule changes: August 29, 2024 at 4 p.m.

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" November 25, 2024 at 4 p.m. Refer to: Drops, Withdrawals & Void

### **Change of Schedule**

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester. 8/27/24

### **Refund and Repayment Policy**

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request)

### **Student Conduct**

Behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and assigning a final lower grade, up to and including an F. In addition, and depending on the nature of the behavior or conduct, the student(s) may be subject to further disciplinary actions as per MSU policies.

### **Privacy Statement**

Federal law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to parties outside the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases the instructor will not discuss a student's academic progress or other matters with his/her parents without the proper release from students.

### **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 individuals 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 4 matthew.luttrell@msutexas.edu agree to disagree. The professor's expectation is that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

### **Campus Carry Policy**

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. Campus Closure Policy If Midwestern State University authorizes campus closing procedures, rehearsals for this course will be canceled. If the campus is closed for the date of a concert, the concert will be rescheduled to a later date.

### **Weather Delays and School Cancellations**

In the event of delayed openings or campus closure, we will NOT go to an online model. Wear your pajamas, drink some coffee/tea/cider/cocoa, and get some rest. We'll start up again on the next meeting time.

### **Hearing Loss Statement**

As a musician, your hearing is one of your most valuable assets. Unfortunately, high exposure to soundproducing activities can lead to noise-induced hearing loss. While this can be temporary, it can lead to tinnitus (ringing in the ears), permanent loss of hearing (particularly in the higher frequencies), and deafness. In addition to affecting a student's enjoyment of music, it also may render them incapable of continuing as a professional musical or music educator. Musicians are also susceptible to musculoskeletal and vocal injury, particularly overuse injury. Failure to take adequate precautions can greatly shorten a student's performing career. Means to minimize risks associated with hearing loss and performance-related injuries will be discussed during applied lessons and/or master classes. Faculty members can only present information to students and offer resources and assistance in seeking professional medical help when needed. The student has the final responsibility to take proper precautions