

Midwestern State University
Music Technology MUSC 3893 - 201
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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

Attendance: Students may miss class three classes without a final grade reduction. Each absence above the three allowed reduces the final grade 5 percentage points. Nonparticipation in class equals one absence for each occurrence. Excessive 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%
- Projects: 80%

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 student's 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 Dishonest: 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.

COVID-19 Addendum to Fall 2020 Syllabus:

- Given the state of the world, everything in this course could change with very little notice. That means deadlines, projects, even weighted percentages for each component of the course could change. Please note that I will consult with the class and use students' input to the extent practicable in making decisions about how to proceed. Students should not hesitate to contact me

with questions, concerns and, even better, great suggestions. Most students know I will go out of my way to be fair to all.

- Safety and health of all are our top considerations. You are required to follow all best practices as they are developed during this crisis. If you feel sick, do not come to class. If you need to miss class, contact me as outlined under class procedures, and I will work with you.
- Masks will be required in all in-person classrooms, per the governor's order. Those who are unwilling to wear a mask must contact me before the end of the first week of class to discuss. Please see the university's official policy at the web sites listed below.
- A mandatory seating chart, to ensure social distancing and facilitate contact tracing should it be necessary, will be implemented.
- The Department of Music and the College of Fine Arts have adopted specific cleaning protocols, and all students are required to abide by these rules. Students who are unwilling to do their share to ensure everyone's health will be contacted by the professor. In short, you will be required to clean your area before and after class, the first as a safety precaution for yourself, the second as a courtesy toward others. We realize this means some areas may be cleaned twice within a brief time period, but this is better than not at all. This rule holds for traditional classrooms, labs, practice rooms, and public areas.
- All handouts and other information will be available through the university's D2L system, and D2L's Gradebook function will be enabled (I will, nonetheless, keep my own spreadsheet with grades, and students are welcome to contact me for grade updates). Students are expected to understand how to navigate D2L, even if we continue with in-person classes.
 - If you do experience problems with D2L, please let me know as soon as possible. In addition, the D2L page has a "Report A Problem" function on the top navigation bar as well as a FAQ function in the middle of the page on the right.
 - Forward your D2L email to the email address of your choosing if you have not already done so; otherwise, you may have messages which you never receive.
- If we are forced to switch to online-only instruction, all students will be required to:
 - Attend class at the assigned time. I will offer to record the sessions but these recordings are supplemental and not replacements for attending at the assigned times. Excuses such as work will not be accepted, and students will be expected to make arrangements to attend every session. Students are also required to attend for the full class session.
 1. The same provisions regarding attendance for in-person classes will be in effect if we move to a virtual classroom.
 - Have a computer with a webcam that can accommodate Zoom or other video software.
 - Have reliable WiFi.
 1. As to the three requirements above, I know not all students have access to a reliable computer and reliable WiFi. However, you are expected to make arrangements in advance and have a plan. Do not assume you will be able to complete the course using only your phone and/or without attending actual classes during class time. If these requirements present problems for you, please contact me as early in the semester as possible. I will work with students in the hope that they do not have to drop the class as a result of these requirements.
 - Observe proper video meeting etiquette: Arrive on time

<https://msutexas.edu/coronavirus/index.php>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/117HY4z4mY5izJpR44ejuZ8rhTyoWEGEG/view>

https://msutexas.edu/return-to-campus/_assets/files/return-to-campus-taskforce-8-4-20.pdf