

# Music Technology

## MUSC 3893

### Midwestern State University; Spring 2017

### Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:20 AM

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#### Course Description:

The focus will be on a practical use of music technology that the common music teacher will encounter. Topics include software for music notation, music recording, video editing, and basic website design, as well as information about mobile apps in various musical settings. May be repeated for credit. 3 credits.

#### Objectives:

- Basic understanding of music writing, audio and video software.
- Basic understanding of recording.
- Creation of a website
- Using internet resources.

#### Required 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.

#### Student Expectations/Conduct

Students are required to participate in all class activities and to utilize class time for working on projects related to this course. Students are to conduct themselves in a professional manner so that all students may learn without distraction and disruption. Class participation includes all classroom activities. Cell phones, iPods, or any other hand-held electronic devices in use during class are not permitted. Use of school computers unrelated to coursework (browsing the internet, Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.) will not

be tolerated. Any violators of this policy will be asked to leave the classroom and will receive an absence for the day.

#### **Attendance:**

Music Technology is a hands-on course that requires students to participate in daily activities and projects. Subject units are cumulative in organization, building on previously learned concepts throughout the course. Therefore, attendance is crucial to personal development. Students may miss class twice without a final grade reduction. Each absence above the two allotted absences reduces the final grade ten percentage points. Nonparticipation in class equals one absence for each occurrence. Tardy arrival to class will count as  $\frac{1}{2}$  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%

#### **Homework Policy:**

All homework must be turned in on time.

#### **Classroom Behavior:**

Talking, sleeping, eating, drinking, texting, cell phone usage, or any other disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. Computers may be used, but only for the purpose of taking notes— not browsing the Internet, emailing, Facebooking, Twittering, etc. If you feel the need to do any of the above, please step outside until you are finished. If you are asked to leave class for any reason—including those just listed above—you must make an appointment with me to discuss the matter before you will be readmitted to class. If you are asked to leave a second time, you will be dropped from the class.

### **Student Honor Creed:**

**“As an MSU Student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so.”**

As students at MSU, we recognize that any great society must be composed of empowered, responsible citizens. We also recognize universities play an important role in helping mold these responsible citizens. We believe students themselves play an important part in developing responsible citizenship by maintaining a community where integrity and honorable character are the norm, not the exception. Thus, We, the Students of Midwestern State University, resolve to uphold the honor of the University by affirming our commitment to complete academic honesty. We resolve not only to be honest but also to hold our peers accountable for complete honesty in all university matters. We consider it dishonest to ask for, give, or receive help in examinations or quizzes, to use any unauthorized material in examinations, or to present, as one's own, work or ideas which are not entirely one's own. We recognize that any instructor has the right to expect that all student work is honest, original work. We accept and acknowledge that responsibility for lying, cheating, stealing, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty fundamentally rests within each individual student. We expect of ourselves academic integrity, personal professionalism, and ethical character. We appreciate steps taken by University officials to protect the honor of the University against any who would disgrace the MSU student body by violating the spirit of this creed. Written and adopted by the 2002-2003 MSU Student Senate.

### **Special Needs:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 397-4140.

### **Privacy Statement:**

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 students' academic progress or other matters with their 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. Please review the University Honor Code. Any offense is reported to MSU and the MSU Department of Education.

**In the event of plagiarism or academic dishonesty, the professor reserves the right to issue an F for the assignment or fail the student for the semester.**

### **Writing Proficiency Requirement:**

All students seeking a Bachelor's degree from Midwestern State University must satisfy a writing proficiency requirement once they've 1)passed English 1113 and English 1123 and 2)earned 60 hours. You may meet this requirement by passing either the Writing Proficiency Exam or English 2113. Please keep in mind that, once you've earned over 90 hours, you lost the opportunity to take the \$25 exam and have no option but to enroll in the three-credit hour course. If you have any questions about the exam, visit the Writing Proficiency Office website at <http://academics.mwsu.edu/wpr>, or call 397-4131.

### **Submission Format Policy:**

You may not submit a paper for a grade in this class that already has been (or will be) submitted for a grade in another course, unless you obtain the explicit written permission of me and the other instructor involved in advance.

### **Safe Zones Statement:**

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

### **Contacting Your Instructor:**

All instructors in the Department have voicemail in their offices and MWSU email addresses. Make sure you add your instructor's phone number and email address to both your email and cellphone list of contacts.