

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY 1

MUST 1215

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 12:00-12:50PM
PROSPECT HALL 308

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OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY 7:30-9:30AM
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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■ COURSE OBJECTIVES

Music Technology 1 will introduce concepts and develop a working comprehension of the following:

- Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs)
- Signal path, Cables
- MIDI controllers
- Music notation software
- Recording, tracking, editing audio and MIDI
- Plug-ins, effects

The class will involve lectures, in-class work time, as well as assignments and projects which will need to be completed outside of class time.

■ MUSICAL PREREQUISITES

None, however, basic understanding of music theory such as scales, chords, time signatures, rhythms, and tempo are highly encouraged and extremely beneficial.

■ REQUIRED MATERIALS

Removable hard drive, ideally at least 1TB, to hold all of your projects/files necessary for the class. All other necessary equipment and programs will be available in Prospect Hall 308 (headphones, MIDI keyboard, interface, basic cables, computer, etc.) This hard drive should be brought to every class period.

Prospect Hall 308 has both Apple computers and Microsoft computers available on a first-come first-served basis.

Students are more than welcome to bring their own laptops, headphones, and peripherals, but are responsible for making sure they have the appropriate cables to connect to the MIDI keyboard and audio interfaces that are in the classroom as well as to the HDMI equipped display for presenting projects.

Prospect 308 has a lot of equipment, including computers, headphones, audio interfaces, cables, microphones, etc. Students enrolled in this course are expected to respect the equipment in the classroom. Absolutely no equipment is to leave the classroom. All equipment should be left neatly organized at the end of each class period.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance in each class is mandatory and required. Roll will be taken at each class. A grade of 25 points will be given for attendance during each period. Absences may be excused with a doctor's note or other documentation.

Students are responsible for all material discussed and presented in all classes, regardless of their presence.

Tests, exams, pop quizzes, or extra assignments may be given during any particular class. Permission to make up any of the aforementioned grades/assignments will be given by Mr. Apodaca at his sole discretion. Otherwise students should expect to receive a zero (0) for any grades/assignments taken in their absence.

CELL PHONE / TABLET / COMPUTER POLICY

During lectures, all notes should be taken by hand and transferred later, outside of class time, to tablets/computers. This is to prevent keyboard clicking/clacking during lectures as this can be distracting.

Cell phones are not permitted to be used during class for any reason. If a phone call or text message is of such importance that it needs to be addressed/answered immediately, please step out of the room to attend to it.

If you are using materials that have been uploaded to Blackboard to follow along to a lecture, you should print it out before class begins. Otherwise, please expect to follow along/pay attention to the large screen in class. On occasion, Mr. Apodaca may ask that students open a program/file on the computer and follow along - on these occasions students are expected to be following along and/or using only the program that is being discussed in class (i.e., not online shopping, responding to emails, playing computer games, etc.)

Failure to comply with this policy will first be given a warning . Students may be asked to leave the class if they fail to comply with this policy.

ASSIGNMENTS AND LAB HOURS

Assignments should be turned in by their due date. Each day that the assignment is late, a penalty of 10 points will result.

Students should plan on spending at least 2 hours per week outside of class time either working at home or in Prospect 308 to use the computers and complete work.

Prospect 308 Lab Hours - The code to unlock the door is 09761.

Building Hours: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, Wednesday: 7:00 - 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00 - 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Students should plan ahead of time to make sure they are able to use the lab during lab hours.

FINAL PROJECT

The final project will be worked on over the course of the last two weeks of class. All students are expected to attend class for their regular attendance grade. If a student is working on their project on their own laptop, they should plan on bringing their laptop and all of the necessary equipment to work on their projects during class.

The class will not have a Final Exam, but WILL meet at the assigned class time on the Tuesday of Final Exam week. Students should plan to be in attendance for this class period. Attendance will be taken per usual including the usual 25 point grade.



GENERAL GRADING POLICY

- A EXCEPTIONAL:** Work displays the highest caliber that could be expected from a student. It is clear and far above average. Video or audio is very high quality although not professional and time has clearly been spent on presenting as professional a product as possible. Written assignments contain all correct information/answers, are written at a very high-level, are proofread, are clear, thoughtful, and concise.
- B ABOVE AVERAGE:** Work displays above average effort. The work is on track toward near-professional but is still lacking refinement and polish. Written assignments contain correct information, but are maybe not proofread or containing small grammatical or other errors. Thoughts are intelligent but could be communicated more clearly or thoughtfully.
- C AVERAGE:** Work is sufficient and displays an understanding of the material but nothing more. Audio and video files may contain the correct information, but are blurry, too far away/close, not correct volume, not centered or mixed properly, etc. It is on time and not late. Written assignments do have mostly correct information with only a few wrong answers, but the product does not appear professional at all and includes slang, grammatical errors, was clearly not proofread, etc.
- D BELOW AVERAGE:** Work is the bare minimum required to receive credit. Some information may be incorrect but there is sufficient evidence of overall comprehension. Videos or audio may be unedited or rough, not centered or otherwise unclear/unprofessional looking or sounding. The student likely did not re-watch or listen back their own video/audio before submitting and therefore did not make any attempt to improve it. Written assignments display a general understanding of the topic but are not near professional looking, are not written at a high level, are clearly not proofread and contain many grammatical errors.
- F UNACCEPTABLE:** Work clearly does not meet the minimum standards. It is not professional in appearance and was clearly either thrown together or completed at the last minute. Works were not re-watched/listened to and edited/improved/tried again. Written assignments are either incorrect, seem not well thought-out, contain grammatical errors, are not properly or professionally formatted.
- I INCOMPLETE:** Grade of Incomplete is reserved for extreme circumstances in which the student is by no fault of their own unable to complete the semester. Up to this point, the student had been on pass to earn a high grade and had been displaying a high level of work. An Incomplete will be issued at the sole discretion of the professor under the consultation of the String Area Coordinator and the Director of the Music Department.

UTEP PROVOST OFFICE COVID-19 PRECAUTION STATEMENT

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to covidaction@utep.edu, so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID-19 testing. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission wear face masks when indoors in groups of people. The best way that Miners can take care of Miners is to get the vaccine. If you still need the vaccine, it is widely available in the El Paso area, and will be available at no charge on campus during the first week of classes. For more information about the current rates, testing, and vaccinations, please visit epstrong.org. For more information on COVID-19 visit the CDC website: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html



CHEATING/PLAGIARISM

Cheating is unethical and not acceptable. Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording; it is also not acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to: utep.edu/dos/acadintg.html for further information.



ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary services to students, staff, faculty, job applicants for admissions, and other beneficiaries of University programs, services and activities with documented disabilities in order to provide them with equal opportunities to participate in programs, services, and activities in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Reasonable accommodations will be made unless it is determined that doing so would cause undue hardship on the University. Students requesting an accommodation based on a disability must register with the UTEP Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS). Contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services at 915-747-5148, or e-mail them at cass@utep.edu, or apply for accommodations online via the CASS portal: utep.edu/student-affairs/cass