Beginning Music Technology Techniques

MUS 137.1                                                                              Dr. Debra Torok
Fall, 2005                                                                              Hours by Appointment
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Beginning Music Technology Techniques is an introduction to music, word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software for the Macintosh Operating System. The course also includes use of audio and video systems, MIDI instruments, and the World Wide Web.

Goal:
To demonstrate ability in:
-     Using the college network, including electronic mail
-     Identifying and operating available MIDI equipment
-     Using word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, music composition software
-     Creating and editing digitized sound

Students will meet the following outcomes:
-     Acquire knowledge of basic software functions
-     Acquire practical teaching techniques incorporating music technology
-     Identify and operate MIDI instruments
-     Identify the functionality and purpose of music software
-     Acquire the basic ability to understand professional music editing
-     Utilize knowledge of musical form to create compositions using music software via sequencing, music writing and editing software
-     Edit, manipulate and incorporate existing musical loops using music writing and sequencing software to produce music
-     Utilize the voice, piano and any optional instruments as tools to input midi data in musical creation
-     Demonstrate these outcomes by producing a compilation CD

Software:
   Finale, Garage Band, iTunes, Sound Studio, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, ClarisWorks, Safari

Required Textbook:
   None required.

Requirements:
   Attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in grade deductions.
Grading
Assignments             80%
Attendance               20%

Assignment Policy:
Assignments are considered on time if received by 4:00 PM on due date

Assignments submitted within one day of due date will receive a 5 point deduction

Assignments submitted within one week of due date will receive a 15 point deduction

Assignments submitted more than a week late will receive a zero

Scheduled presentations and assignments (Subject to Change):

Folders, Web Pages, Network

Power Point
Assignment: Mid-term presentation including text, graphics, sound, animations, transitions and links

Word Processing
Assignment: Word processing tutorial project

Database
Assignment: Ongoing due at completion of semester

Finale
Assignments: Five Finale projects

MIDI sequences
Assignments: Two 5-track compositions, and three advanced sequences

Music Creation
Assignment: Create a compilation CD

There is no Final Exam in this course.