MUSI 4153 – Composition – Syllabus

Course: MUSI 4153 – Composition (1 hr. credit)
Time: TBA (one 30-minute private lesson each week)
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Course Description
The purpose of this course is to introduce 20th and 21st century composition techniques and to gain facility in the art of music composition.

Course Student Learning Outcomes
The student will compose original music, apply 20th and 21st century music techniques to this music, and use computer notation software (Finale).

IDEA Learning Objectives
1) Gaining a basic understanding of the subject
2) Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
3) Developing creative capacities

Requirements
The student is responsible for bringing a sufficient quantity of newly composed and high-quality music to each lesson. Participation as a composer and performer in the Spring 2018 Student Composition Recital is strongly encouraged.

Spring 2018 Student Composition Recital
Rehearsal – Wednesday, April 18 from 6-10:00 p.m.
Recital – Thursday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Grading
Students will be graded on the effective application of 20th and 21st century composition techniques and on the amount of music and quality of music written during a given semester. To receive a Pass for a lesson the student must bring a sufficient quantity of music and have an engaging discussion about the music. A grade will be given for each week’s composition lesson. The grades will either be a Pass or Fail and will be indicated by a “1” or “0” grade, respectively.

Final averages and letter grades are as follows:
A = student must make a Pass in nine lessons
B = student must make a Pass in eight lessons
C = student must make a Pass in seven lessons
F = student does not make a Pass in seven or more lessons

Required Texts
NA
Policies

Attendance
Your opportunity for academic success greatly increases with attendance and participation. Please contact me via email if you cannot come to a composition lesson. Make up lessons will not be offered unless the instructor cancels or the student is gone on a music program related trip.

Students will be excused for the observance of a religious holy day in accordance with OP 10.19. [http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/](http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/)

University Course Withdrawal Policy
The last day to drop a course or to totally withdraw from the University will be April 2, 2018. Withdrawal grades will be indicated by W.

Honor Code Statement

Disabilities Statement
Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made. [http://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/disability-services-policy-statement.php](http://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/disability-services-policy-statement.php)