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.

ONLINE DELIVERY FOR FALL 2020
This course will be delivered via email rather than in a traditional face-to-face setting. You will be responsible for sending me your Finale file(s) (.musx files) to me via email. I will review them, make comments in the body of the email or in the score as needed, and send the file(s) back to you if I make any suggested changes in the score.

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 2021 Student Composition Recital is strongly encouraged.

Spring 2021 Student Composition Recital
TBA

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 November 10, 2020. 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)

**Title IX at Angelo State University**
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

- **Online**: [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
- **Face to Face**: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
- **Phone**: 325-942-2022
- **Email**: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

**Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students at Angelo State University**
As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display
your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

**Office Hours**
I will not be holding traditional office hours in which I invite students into my office for individual conferences and assistance. Please ask questions about the assignments during class or via email. You may also drop off work done on paper in the “in” basket outside my door. I will review the work, answer any questions, and place the papers in the “out” basket as quickly as possible.