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**General Syllabus**  
**MUSI 1322 Music Technology**

Credit Hours: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Prerequisite: Music major or consent of instructor

Corequisite: MUSI 1223 Music Theory I

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Designed for music majors as an introductory study of computer technology and music technology. Instruction in use of software designed for musical notation, word processing, sound editing, and other standard software for manipulating digital media. Also provides fundamental instruction in web development, sound reinforcement and recording practices.

**B. Additional Information**

This course is a requirement for all BME and BA music majors.

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Create a full orchestral arrangement using the notation software Sibelius or Finale
2. Create CD's and DVD's of live musical performances.
3. Utilize proper terminology used in acoustics/audiology and the basic properties of digital sound.
4. Edit sound in a digital environment, and created quality digital recordings.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

MUSI 1322 Music Technology enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking**

Students will draw conclusions and/or solve problems using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of musical performance.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of a musical performance.

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes whether in musical research, presentation, or performance.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will appreciate and reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Course topics include:
- B. Entering and editing music using notation software
- C. Creating a CD/DVD or streaming audio package of a recording(s)
- D. Editing digital audio
- E. Acoustics and audiology
- F. Setting up a computer music workstation and the ability to problem solve common technical issues
- G. Basic workings of computer hardware Macintosh operating system
- H. Basic physical properties of digital sound
- I. Editing sound in a digital environment
- J. Quality digital recordings
- K. Microphone polar patterns and set-up
- L. Developing a web presence