MUS 240 Introduction to Digital Music Production I
3 Credits. Thurs 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM Hale Pālanakila 124

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Introduction to digital music and sound production on the Macintosh platform via Logic: MIDI sequencing and editing, audio recording and editing, mixing and mastering; preparing audio files for CD, video and web applications; proper use of processor and effects plugins.

Activities Required at Scheduled Times Other Than Class Times

Time has been set aside during class for work on homework assignments and projects. However, time may need to be spent outside of class to complete your work. There are two places you can work outside of class:

1. **PALA 103 Practice Room.** Borrow the key from the Library during their open hours. The key must be returned to the library by the time due, or at least 15 minutes before the library closes. Late fees will apply. Advice: only use this room for recording.

2. **Library.** One of the Macs is set up with Logic, and a KB37 can be borrowed from the circulation desk. This is the perfect place to work on MIDI input, mixing and completing projects.

3. On project due days, I will open the class room early, by 4:00 PM

4. I have a limited number of PALA 103 keys to loan out for weekend work. You will need to see me before you leave class on Thursday night to sign a waiver and arrange your time with others working over the weekend.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The tangible student learning outcomes for the course are:

2. Use MIDI sequencing and audio recording software, or notation software, as tools for music composition, arranging and performance.

3. Apply basic skills in MIDI sequencing and editing, and digital audio recording and editing to audio mixing and mastering of projects.

4. Prepare audio files in different formats for CD, video and web applications.

5. Apply basic understanding of sound processing to audio plugin settings.

6. Produce a final project to document learned skills in MIDI and audio recording and editing, mixing, mastering and bouncing.
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

• **Homework** (20 points ea.) – There will be 10 to 12 homework assignments. In-class homework assignments are due by the specified times during class, and no later than the end of class.

• **Quizzes** (20 points ea.) – There will be 10 to 12 quizzes on the handouts, terminology, definitions and technical procedures.

• **Projects** (150 points ea.) – Three projects will cover topics in sequence: working in the Logic environment, MIDI, and Audio. A fourth and final project will combine MIDI, Audio and basic sound synthesis. There will be in-class presentations and discussion of completed projects. All projects will be posted on the University of Hawaii’s iTunesU and on WCC’s website. http://windward.hawaii.edu/Credit_Courses/MUS240/Student_Showcase/

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

Grading (A through F) will be based on the number of points earned through performance on homework, quizzes and projects.

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LEARNING RESOURCES

Textbook: None. Instructor will provide all handouts.

YOU MUST BRING TO EACH CLASS:

1. Headphones or stereo earbuds. Headphones can be purchased from instructor for $7.
2. Flash Drive, minimum 1 GB (approx. $10)
3. 3-ring binder for handouts (1/2” to 1” approx. $3)
4. Headphone adaptor - purchase from instructor for $3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attendance

I do not take attendance. HOWEVER, your grade is based on points earned by proving what you've learned through homework, quizzes and projects.

- If you’re not here, you won’t learn anything; or you’ll have to work even harder to catch up.
- If you don't learn anything, you won't earn points on quizzes, homework and projects.
- If you’re not here, you won’t earn points on in class homework and/or quizzes.
- If you’re not here, you won't have as much fun as those who are.

Absences

- If you are absent, you are still responsible for what is presented in class. You should:
  - Log in to Laulima to retrieve handouts and assignments, and watch review movies.
  - Contact the instructor with questions.
  - Ask a classmate to help catch you up on what happened.
  - Seek tutoring help at the TRiO office in Na‘auao 124.
Assignments

- All assignments are due by the date and/or time given. Late submissions lose points. Once class is over, however, NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Remember: Homework, Quiz and Project files can be submitted from ANY COMPUTER CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET, anywhere in the world! See Server addresses below.
- Accommodation for missed assignments may be negotiated only with PRIOR notice of absence, or with documentation of extenuating circumstances.

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New Students with UH GMail  http://windward.hawaii.edu/technology/Forwarding_UH_GMail.pdf
Students using older UH Mail  http://windward.hawaii.edu/technology/Forwarding_UHMail.pdf

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QUICK REFERENCE

Library Hours

- Mon - Thurs  7:45 am to 8:00 pm
- Friday   7:45 am to 4:00 pm
- Closed Weekends and Holidays

Server Addresses

From any computer connected to the internet [GO > Connect to Server]

- From OFF campus:     afp://macserver1.students.wcc.hawaii.edu
- From ON campus:       afp://macserver1.students.wcc.internal

Tutoring

- Tony Vierra-Albao is the official tutor for this course. You must sign up for tutoring with Russell at the TRiO office in Na’auao 124.

UH Bookstore Prices - Logic 9 Express, Logic 9 Pro, Mac computers can be ordered through the WCC Bookstore

- http://www.uhbooks.hawaii.edu/computers/

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.

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