

## **Department of Music**

# MUT 490 Special Studies in Music Theory (Introduction to Music Technology)

1 Unit

# Spring 2019

Meeting day: Monday	Instructor: Professor Chaz Celaya	
Meeting times: 1:30pm - 2:25pm	E-mail: ccelaya@pointloma.edu	
Meeting location: Cooper Music Center Technology Lab	Office location: Cooper 218	
Final Exam: TBA	Office Hours: Thursday 1pm-4pm, or by appt, or anytime my office door is open!	

## **PLNU Mission**

## To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course continues developing the concepts and techniques of the modern digital audio workstation. We will discuss and practice the technology, terminology, and methodology involved in creating music with digital tools.

## **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the semester you will demonstrate through quizzes and assignments that you can:

- Employ proper terminology in the studio environment
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the Recording, Editing, and Mixing tools within a DAW.
- Employ various plug-ins, signal processors, and effects including auto-tune and time-stretch to augment the quality of a recording.
- Utilize software instruments in a live environment through the use of MainStage software.

• Demonstrate the ability to record, edit, mix, master, and bounce a multi-track session.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- Assignment descriptions are found in Canvas under "Modules."
- Quizzes will be administered immediately at the beginning of class with a maximum allotted time of 10 minutes. Quizzes will be given through Canvas, and will be based on lecture and reading material. Only the use of your journal will be allowed during the quiz, your textbook is not allowed to be used.
- Attendance is expected at every class session and unexcused absences will result in a reduced grade.

DATE PRESENTED	CLASS CONTENT	READING / ASSIGNMENT DUE
1/8/19	Introduction	
1/14/19	Audio Fundamentals: Stage Essentials	TSG: 1 & 2
1/21/19	Audio Fundamentals: Sound Waves	TSG: 3 & 5
1/28/19	Audio Fundamentals: Microphones	TSG: 6 & 7
2/4/19	Audio Fundamentals: EQ & Compression	TSG: 8 & 9
2/11/19	Logic Pro: Overview & Bouncing	
2/18/19	Logic Pro: Tools	
2/25/19	Logic Pro: Software Instruments	
3/11/19	Logic Pro: Plug-Ins	
3/18/19	Logic Pro: Automation	Final Mix Down
3/25/19	Mainstage	
4/1/19	Mainstage	MainStage Session
4/8/19	Finale	
4/15/19	Finale	
4/24/19	Finale	Final Lead Sheet
	FINAL: TBD	

## REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

## Note:

- 1. Chaz Celaya, The Sound Guide, Positive Infinity Press (2013). (Digital Version Provided By Instructor in Canvas)
- 2. A USB 3.0 Flash Drive (Minimum 32GB) is required for storing and sharing your projects.
- 3. A set of professional over the ear "closed back" headphones. Industry standards are: Sony MDR-7506, Beyerdynamic DT-770. More affordable options: Monoprice 605055 or Monoprice 8323.
- 4. Access to Logic Pro, Mainstage, and Finale Software (Provided in the Technology Lab)
- 5. A single notebook for handwriting notes.

## ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

	Grade scale:	
<ul> <li>Quizzes: 40%</li> <li>Attendance &amp; Participation: 10%</li> <li>Assignments / Projects: 50%</li> </ul>	A=93-100 A-=92-90	C=73-76 C-=70-72
<ul> <li>Assignments/Projects: 50%</li> </ul>	B+=87-89 B=83-86 B-=80-82 C+=77-79	D+=67-69 D=63-66 D-=60-62 F=0-59

#### **INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

## FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination **on its scheduled day**. The final examination schedule is posted on the <u>Class Schedules</u> site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

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