MUS 1360: Introduction to Music Technology

Section 4896: MWF 3rd period (9:35-10:25am)
Section 6888: T 9th & 10th periods (4:05-6:00pm), R 9th period (4:05-4:55pm)
**Course Website:** [http://plaza.ufl.edu/adamscottneal](http://plaza.ufl.edu/adamscottneal)
This site includes the syllabus, calendar, and project descriptions

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Course Description
MUS 1360 surveys music technologies, ranging from the very simple (pencil and paper) to the very advanced (editing and mixing software suites). This course, required of all music majors, seeks to develop a number of necessary skills for navigating music careers and information/media culture in general.

Course Goals
By the end of the course, students will:

- Develop proficiency with both pencil and computer music notation
- Develop proficiency with editing digital audio and video
- Develop a proficiency with basic audio and MIDI production techniques
- Develop a basic understanding of entrepreneurship and web promotion in music
- Develop a basic understanding of media studies and our relationship with technology
- Develop listening and analytical skills in regards to timbre, texture, and semiotics (symbolism)

Required Materials
Book: *Program or Be Programmed* by Douglas Rushkoff (ISBN 978-1-59376-426-5)
Mechanical pencils (recommended: .5, .7, and .9mm sizes), rulers, and erasers
USB flash drive
Headphones
Laptops (optional)

Attendance Policy
Students are expected to attend all class sessions except optional lab days (see calendar). Attendance and participation is 10% of the total grade (approximately .27% per day).

I do not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences; an absence is an absence.

Grade Distribution
Projects (10% each x 7 projects): 70%
Rushkoff reflections (2% each x 5 reflections): 10%
Exams (5% each x 2): 10%
Attendance and participation: 10%

Grades and feedback will be available on e-Learning
Project descriptions can be found on the course website (see above).
Grading Scale

A          100-94%
A-         93-90%
B+         89-87%
B          86-83%
B-         82-80%
C+         79-77%
C          76-73%
C-         72-70%
D+         69-67%
D          66-63%
D-         62-60%
E          59-0%

Class Policies

The usual stuff:

• During class, use the computers for assignments, not Facebook (etc.)!
• No texting.
• No food or drink in the lab.

You are welcome to use your own computer to complete assignments, but please make sure your saved files will load on the computers in the lab. There are several software packages you may have at home that are different versions than the ones in our lab! Use caution.

While we're on that: Software piracy is illegal. Please follow the university policies on computer usage, which can be found at [http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/aupolicy.html](http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/aupolicy.html).

Late assignments will not be accepted. The due dates for assignments are clearly stated twice in the syllabus, as well as on the course website.

All students at the University of Florida are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and professional manner as described in the Student Honor Code. Any infraction of the honor code, including plagiarism and cheating, will be acted upon immediately and may result in a zero on the questionable assignment, a failing grade in the class, or more severe ramifications.

All assignments submitted for a grade are required to have the University of Florida honor pledge written out and signed by the student. The pledge reads: On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment. If the pledge does not appear on your work, assume it is implied.

Students with disabilities

Students needing assistance to account for disabilities should work with the University of Florida Dean of Students Office and the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Office to arrange accommodations for in-class, testing, and other situations. Visit [http://www.ada.ufl.edu/](http://www.ada.ufl.edu/) for more information.
Getting help

University Counseling Services: http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/ or (352)392-1575
Located at P301 Peabody Hall
Mental Health Services: http://shcc.ufl.edu/smhs/ or (352)392-1171
Located at 245 Infirmary Building on Fletcher Drive
Alachua County Crisis Hotline: (352)264-6789
Reading and Writing Center: http://www.at.ufl.edu/rwcenter/ or (352)392-2010
UF Computing Help Desk: http://helpdesk.circa.ufl.edu/ or (352)392-HELP