

Sam Houston State University MUSI 1301.01(online), CRN 21005  
Introduction to the Study of Music, Spring 2018  
PRELIMINARY SYLLABUS—Midterm Date Subject to Change

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E-mail is fastest. I don't get messages at the work phone number (not given here) for a week at a time. Via e-mail, you will hear back from me within 12 hours, usually faster during the week and slower on the weekend.

This section of Introduction to the Study of Music is delivered online through a third-party website managed by Connect4Education. Your course text, calendar, assignments, and exams are all available on the website:

<http://www.connect4education.org>

I will use the notification tool on the Connect4Education site, rather than Blackboard, for class announcements. Likewise, the schedule of classes is found on this site; though you may work at your own pace, I strongly encourage you to keep up with the assignments so you complete the first half of them before the midterm and the second half before you take the final. Falling behind will likely affect your performance on the heavily-weighted mid-term and final exams. Classes and the final exam are set to close at 10pm on May 9. **There will be no extensions to the final exam.**

The text for the course is presented as a series of online lessons followed by quizzes. Therefore, you will not be purchasing a physical textbook, but an access code to the course. To begin:

1. Go to <http://www.connect4education.org>.
2. Select the Online Store tab at the top.
3. In the store page, select OnMusic Fundamentals.
4. Add it to your cart and purchase it (\$99.95),
5. You now have an access code; to register, select Registration Tab at top of home page.
6. The tab takes you to <http://www.register.connect4education.com>.

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7. Using your access code, complete the required form.

Online help for the site is available at:

[http://www.student.connect4education.com/support/support\\_non\\_oma.htm](http://www.student.connect4education.com/support/support_non_oma.htm)

Tech support is available 8-5 M-F at this address for help with registration and problems that arise throughout the semester. **Please keep this address;** in other online classes I have monitored, students have frequently needed tech support, particularly with technical problems associated with taking tests online. If you e-mail me with a tech problem, I will refer you to the technical desk.

Grading: Your grade for the course will be derived from your quiz and exam grades. The weights of all tests are displayed online. The mid-term and final exams each count 35% of the final grade; the quizzes are about 2%.<sup>[SEP]</sup>

The grading scale is: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, and below 60=F.

**Deadlines!**

- 1) **Wednesday, January 31, 5pm**, Buy the connect4education course. If you have not bought the course or e-mailed me with information as to when you will buy the course, I will drop you from this class on January 31. This is so nobody pays for the SHSU class who didn't mean to take it. (This also gives me time to complete the required attendance initiative.)
- 2) **Monday, April 2, 10pm**, Midterm due.
- 3) **May 9, 10pm**, Final exam due.

**One final note:**

We primarily communicate with each other through email. Please be aware of this list when you write as they will make the process quicker and easier for everyone:

- 1) **Most important:** Please proofread your e-mails. I can't help if I can't understand what is written.
- 2) If you are doing an assignment and need help with a concept, please ask ME right away. *If the website isn't working for you, you need to*

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*ask Connect4Education right away.*

- 3) I'm **Dr.** (Amanda) Pepping. "Mrs. Pepping" (my mom), "Miss Amanda" (not good for academia), and "Sweetie" (seriously), are not good greetings in our situation. I received my undergraduate & master degrees in trumpet performance at Arizona State University, and earned my doctor of musical arts at the University of Texas.
- 4) If you don't understand something and ask for help, please don't ask friends for help on the quizzes. E-mail me *before* you find yourself in a quiz situation not understanding. There are a couple topics that confuse people. I will put my notes on them in our Connect4Education announcements.

For my part, I will help you as quickly and effectively as I can. My job is to help facilitate your learning.

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Academic honesty: Students are required to take quizzes and exams with **no** outside assistance. Telephones and text messages may not be used when taking quizzes or exams. SHSU's policy is explained in the Dean of Students Office site: "All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The university and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials."

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