

AET 323 (20629) Spring 2019	The University of Texas at Austin College of Fine Arts Center for Integrated Design Syllabus
Course Information	Screen Scoring Monday and Wednesdays 11:00am -12:30pm in DFA 4.126 Course website at http://canvas.utexas.edu
Instructor	Sam Lipman, M.Mus., Lead Composer and Developer at Sam Lipman Music samuel.lipman@utexas.edu (512) 296 9117 Office Hours: Wed 10:00am - 11:00 in 4.132E
Catalog Description	Exploration of film and game play situations requiring music in the form of an instrumental score or created with virtual instruments. Comparative study of music tracks in popular film genres, documentary films, television and games as a reference for original works.
Course Overview	This course is designed to introduce students to concepts of music and sound for a variety of media with a primary focus on creating original music and/or soundtracks. Topics include music structures, sound and editing, film and video synchronization, game audio and other sound for screen related topics.
Prerequisite(s)	AET 305 Foundations of Music Technology, graduate standing, and consent of instructor and the graduate adviser.
Objectives & Assessment Instruments	By the end of the course, students should be able to: 1) Identify the several different functions of film music. 2) Be familiar with the digital audio environment with focus on screen scoring. 3) Compose basic soundtrack elements in several different styles and functions. 4) Emulate and improve upon 'temp' tracks. 5) Develop and expand musical themes across a large structure.
Course materials	I will post reading materials as necessary.
Supplies Needed	Over-the-ear headphones and external hard drive. REQUIRED every class meeting!
Software	Logic X, NI Komplete
Optional Textbooks	<i>On the Track, A Guide to Contemporary Film Scoring</i> - Fred Karlin, Rayburn Wright <i>A Composer's Guide to Game Music</i> - Winifred Phillips

Course Content	<p>Assessment of each project will be undertaken on the basis of each assignment plus a small component for originality and creativity. For the Final Project, you will score a short film that I will provide or of your own choosing, for which you will create a music track, and if needed, additional creative sound design elements. Music must total 3-4 minutes minimum.</p> <p>There will also be a weekly student presentation. The dates will be assigned at the start of semester. Each student will bring in two examples to demonstrate and describe what is in their opinion, a) a superb example of the role of music as a dramatic agent b) a superb example of the use of sound with NO music as a dramatic agent.</p>
UT Electronic Mail Notification Policy	<p>Electronic mail (e-mail) is a mechanism for official University and instructor communication to students. Students are expected to check e-mail on a frequent and regular basis in order to stay current with University- and course-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical. It is recommended that e-mail be checked daily, but at a minimum, twice per week.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of every student to keep the University and instructor informed of changes in his or her official e-mail address (do so at https://utdirect.utexas.edu/utdirect/bio/address_change.WBX). Consequently, e-mail returned to the University with "User Unknown" is not an acceptable excuse for missed communication. Similarly, undeliverable messages returned because of a full inbox or use of a spam filter will be considered delivered without further action required of the University or instructor. (see http://www.utexas.edu/cio/policies/university-electronic-mail-student-notification-policy)</p>
Use of Class Materials	<p>The materials used in this class, including, but not limited to, exams, quizzes, and homework assignments are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized copying of the class materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of class materials without the specific, express approval of the instructor may be a violation of the University's Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of sharing those materials with other current or future students.</p> <p>(from https://wikis.utexas.edu/display/coursematerials/Sample+Use+Statement+for+Syllabus)</p>
Attendance	<p>You are allowed three absences for illness or personal reasons; however, you will likely miss points for in-class assignments or activities as a result, and these generally cannot be made up. However, if a serious medical or personal crisis (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.) impacts your attendance, please inform me as soon as possible. In addition, see the exception below for religious holy days.</p> <p>Arriving more than ten minutes late at the beginning of class or after a break, leaving class without permission, and leaving class prior to dismissal for the day all count as being tardy. Three tardies equals an absence. Four absences will lower your course grade by one letter grade. Additional absences may result in failure of the course.</p>

Religious
Holidays

Section 51.911 of the Texas Education Code states that a student shall be excused from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. University policy requires students to notify each of their instructors at least fourteen days prior to the date they will be absent from scheduled classes to observe a religious holy day.

(from http://www.utexas.edu/provost/policies/religious_holidays/1555_001.pdf)

Classroom
Etiquette

Please observe the following rules during class as a courtesy to fellow students and the instructor.

- 1) *Be on time at the beginning of class and after each break.* If you must come in late at the beginning of class, please enter the room and seat yourself as quietly and unobtrusively as possible. And please don't hold up the entire class by failing to return promptly at the end of an announced break, since often the second part of the class period is when we will engage in group activities.
- 2) *Turn off your cell phone's notification sounds upon entering the classroom.* If you forget to do so, and your phone rings, chirps, or vibrates loudly during class, turn it off immediately and discreetly. I reserve the right to penalize repeat offenders by subtracting points from their day's assignment.
- 3) *Don't distract other students.* Everyone benefits from a classroom free of distracting sights, sounds, and smells. If you would like to update your Facebook page, talk to your friends, listen to loud music, polish your nails, doodle with Sharpies, etc., please do so outside the classroom during breaks.
- 4) *Consider bringing earphones and/or earplugs to class for work sessions.* If you like to listen to music while you work, you are welcome to do so, so long as no one else can hear it. And if you are easily distracted by noise/conversation, please bring earplugs to wear so that the conversation from desk critiques will not bother you.

Grading

Course work will be weighted as follows in calculating the final grade:

1. Assignments/Studio Projects 50% (your best five out of six grades)
2. Movie Presentation 10%
3. Final Project 30%
You will score a short film, demonstrating your mastery of concepts learned throughout semester.
4. Class participation/attendance/discussion 10%

**Late assignment submissions will receive a maximum grade value of 50%.
No late assignments after the last day of class.**

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	64-66
D-	60-63
F	below 60

Academic Integrity

The University's Honor Code states that "As a student of The University of Texas at Austin, I shall abide by the core values of the University and uphold academic integrity." You are expected to maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work undertaken at the University. At a minimum, you should complete any assignments, exams, and other scholastic endeavors with the utmost honesty, which requires you to:

- acknowledge the contributions of other sources to your scholastic efforts;
- complete your assignments independently unless expressly authorized to seek or obtain assistance in preparing them;
- follow instructions for assignments and exams, and observe the standards of your academic discipline; and
- avoid engaging in any form of academic dishonesty on behalf of yourself or another student.

(adapted from http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php)

Academic Dishonesty	<p>In promoting a high standard of academic integrity, the University broadly defines academic dishonesty as including <i>any act designed to give an unfair or undeserved academic advantage</i>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheating • Plagiarism • Unauthorized Collaboration / Collusion • Falsifying Academic Records • Misrepresenting Facts (e.g., providing false information to postpone an exam, obtain an extended deadline for an assignment, or even gain an unearned financial benefit) • Multiple submissions (submitting essentially the same written assignment for two courses without authorization to do so) • Any other acts (or attempted acts) that violate the basic standard of academic integrity <p>(adapted from http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acadint_what_is.php)</p> <p>Students who violate University rules on academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University.</p> <p>(from http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_faculty_syllabus.php)</p>
Plagiarism	<p>“Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation of, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course requirement (from Sec. 11-402, http://catalog.utexas.edu/general-information/appendices/appendix-c/student-discipline-and-conduct/).</p>
Copyright and Fair Use	<p>Understanding the basic principles of copyright and fair use is of critical importance to designers. Many of the uses we will make of texts, images, and videos this semester will be covered by the doctrine of fair use. However, as creators, you need to be aware of your own and other copyright holders’ legal rights, and to properly identify and license your own and others’ works. We will discuss these issues during the semester as needed, but when you have questions about whether or when you can appropriate someone else’s work, a useful resource is Georgia K. Harper’s Copyright Crash Course, available at http://copyright.lib.utexas.edu/.</p>
Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)	<p>The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact Services for Students with Disabilities (512-471-6259, ssd@austin.utexas.edu, http://ddce.utexas.edu/disability/, or videophone 512-471-6644). Please provide documentation of your needs during the first week of class, if possible, so that I can make the necessary accommodations promptly.</p>

Student
Support
Services

There are numerous free and/or low-cost support services available to students at UT. They include (but are not limited to) the following:

Fine Arts Career Services (512-232-7333, utexas.edu/finearts/careers) provides a full range of services and resources to support students and alumni.

The Undergraduate Writing Center (512-471-6222, uwc.utexas.edu) helps students with every phase of writing assignments for their courses.

The Sanger Learning Center (512-471-3614, utexas.edu/ugs/slc) provides study skills, time-management, and note-taking courses.

University Health Services (512-471-4955, healthyhorns.utexas.edu) provides medical and health promotion services for currently enrolled students and some non-students who are officially enrolled in certain University programs.

The Counseling and Mental Health Center (512-471-3515, cmhc.utexas.edu) helps students with their personal concerns so that they can meet the daily challenges of student life.

Emergency
Procedures

Mass e-mails (in addition to sirens and fire alarms, when appropriate) will be used to provide students, faculty, and staff with information regarding potential threats to the safety and security of the campus community. E-mails will also be used as a way to notify students, faculty, and staff of emergency situations and keep them updated on the situation. Emergency officials also have the ability to disseminate important information via text message directly to the cell phones of users subscribed to the service. Please consider subscribing to this service at <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/csas/text/main/>.

(adapted from <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/preparedness/plans/EmergencyManagementPlan2013a.pdf>)

Campus Carry

The concealed carry of handguns by permit holders is generally allowed in outdoor areas, as well as buildings and spaces that are accessible to the public. Permit holders are allowed to carry in classrooms. It is the responsibility of concealed-carry license holders to carry their handguns on or about their person at all times while on campus. "About" the person means that a license holder may carry a holstered handgun in a backpack or handbag, but the backpack or handbag must be close enough that the license holder can grasp it without materially changing position. The holster must completely cover the trigger area and have enough tension to keep the gun in place if jostled. A license holder may not carry a partially or wholly visible handgun on campus premises or on any university driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.

The open carry of handguns is not permitted on campus. Anyone who sees an openly carried gun on campus should immediately call 911. (from <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu/students>)

Overview of Schedule

Please be aware that on occasion the order and timing of the course schedule may need to be altered to accommodate UT closures, instructor illness, student needs/interests, and design program workshop opportunities and lectures. Any significant alterations to the schedule will be announced via Canvas.

Reading assignments and an agenda for each day of class will be posted to Canvas. Use the numbers in the left-hand column of this schedule (01, 02, 03,...30) to locate the Canvas module that corresponds to a given day of class (e.g., if you are looking for the reading assignment for the seventh day of class, T 4 Feb, it will be posted to module 07 in Canvas).

Tentative Course Schedule

(May Change depending on student skillset)

Week	Date	Topic	Assignment	%Value
1	01/23	Course Introduction, Syllabus, Goal setting	Class film presentation assignments, on Mondays.	10
2	01/28 01/30	Types of Film Music	Quiz - Identify Music Use in Film	10
3	02/04 02/06	Introduction to the DAW - Setting the scene	Composition 1 Opening Credits	
4	02/11 02/13	cont.	cont.	10
5	02/18 02/20	Themes and Developing Them	Composition 2 - Compose a group of Character Themes	
6	02/25 02/27	cont.	cont.	10
7	03/04 03/06	Underscore and Transition	Composition 3 - Underscore with transition	
8	03/11 03/13	cont.		10
9	03/18 03/20	Spring Break		
10	03/25 03/27	Action Sequence	Composition 4 - Action Sequence	
11	04/01 04/03	cont.	cont.	10
12	04/08 04/10	Beating the Temp	Composition 5 - Replace a temp track	
13	04/15 04/17	Score a Short Film	Composition 6 Final Project - Score a short film, including a minimum of 3 - 5 minutes of music	
14	04/22 04/24	cont. in class work on final projects	cont	
15	04/29 05/01	cont	cont	
16	05/06 05/08		Final Project Due, uploaded to Canvas by day assigned for final exam. We will not meet for the final exam period	30