

AUD 124 - MUSIC PRODUCTION & SONGWRITING

Course Description

This course delves deep into the art and science of songwriting and music production, offering students a comprehensive understanding of the creative and technical processes involved in crafting compelling musical compositions. Designed for aspiring songwriters, producers, and musicians, this course combines theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience, providing students with the skills and confidence to express their musical ideas effectively. Group 2 course.

Credit Hours

2

Contact Hours

2

Lecture Hours

2

Required Prerequisites

AUD 120 with a final grade of 2.0 or higher.

General Education Outcomes supported by this course

Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct, Quantitative Reasoning

Course Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

- Identify the key elements of music theory, including melody, harmony, rhythm, and structure, as they apply to songwriting.
- Describe the technical functions of digital audio workstations (DAWs) and other tools commonly used in music production.
- Explain the roles of different instruments, effects, and production techniques in creating a polished and cohesive song.

Application:

- Write and develop original lyrics and melodies for a complete song.
- Use a DAW to record, arrange, and mix multi-track audio, applying techniques like EQ, compression, and reverb.
- Apply arrangement skills to structure songs with intros, verses, choruses, and outros that engage listeners.

Integration:

- Combine knowledge of songwriting, music theory, and production techniques to create compelling, professional-sounding compositions.
- Integrate diverse musical influences and genres to expand creative expression and develop a unique musical style.
- Collaborate with peers to co-write and produce songs, enhancing interpersonal and teamwork skills within the creative process.

Human Dimension:

- Reflect on personal strengths and challenges in songwriting and production to inform future growth.
- Develop skills in giving and receiving constructive feedback on song compositions and productions.
- Build confidence in sharing original music by presenting completed projects to peers or in a public setting.

Caring - Civic Learning:

- Cultivate a passion for music creation and recognize the personal and cultural impact of songwriting and production.
- Develop an appreciation for the creative process and a commitment to producing meaningful, high-quality music.
- Foster a deeper understanding of music as a form of self-expression and emotional connection with listeners.

Learning How to Learn:

- Engage in self-directed learning by exploring tutorials, workshops, and resources to continue developing production and songwriting skills.
- Establish a personal practice routine to enhance proficiency with songwriting and DAW techniques.
- Develop strategies for iterative improvement, using feedback and self-reflection to refine and perfect compositions over time.