

Individual Lessons: Composition (Musc 354 and 454)
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Syllabus

REQUIREMENTS: You are required to write approximately one to three minutes of music every week and bring it to your lesson. If I feel that your output is below acceptable, I will inform you. Other types of assignments, such as listening and score study, are assigned as needed. Written music should be handwritten (recommended) or printed from computer notation. In the case of music with no score (such as some electronic music), recordings on CD, DAT, audio cassette, or any of the software/MIDI formats readily available in the department are acceptable.

GRADING: Most of your grade is based on your assignments and participation in the lesson. Each student must have a minimum of 13 lessons per semester. Excused absences may be rescheduled. Unexcused absences will result in a lower grade: one letter grade per unexcused absence. Unexcused absences cannot be rescheduled. In order for an absence to be excused, you **MUST** call **BEFORE** your lesson time. Except for emergencies in accordance with University policy, informing me of a missed lesson after the fact will result in an unexcused absence.

Composition Rule of Thumb Grading Policies

Per Day: I will keep you informed of your status as the semester progresses. If you are not performing as expected, I will inform you as soon as possible

Per semester: 13 meetings minimum. One letter grade penalty for each meeting below 13. Excused absences may be made up within one week, but no later. An inadequate amount of quality music results in a failing grade.

Other factors may also enter into grading. If any arise, they will be made clear to you.

I recommend that you find performers for your music.

Disability Policy

If you have emergency medical information to share with me, if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, or if you need accommodations in this course because of a disability, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. If you plan to request disability accommodations, you are expected to register with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office (190 McCannel Hall, 777-3425).