

MUSM 356 Pro Tools 101

Class Description:

Prerequisite: MUSM 344 (Recording Studio Techniques) with grade of "C" or better.

This course is conducted in the Music Department's Mac computer lab. It is an introductory course to Digidesign's Pro Tools digital audio workstation software application. This is the first course offering as part of the College's Digidesign Certified Training Location alliance. This course fully trains students in the basic operation of Pro Tools LE. Students learn how to record, edit, and mix music and MIDI within the Pro Tools application. This course may be taken twice for credit.

Class Objectives:

- Understand the basic operation of Digidesign's M Box Pro Tools digital audio workstation.
- Record, process, edit and mix audio and MIDI in the Pro Tools environment
- Pass the Online Digidesign Examination allowing him/her to progress on to the MUSM 357 Pro Tools 110, Intermediate Pro Tools course.

Instructor:

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Classroom Policies:

- Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. More than two absences will result in you being dropped from the class.
- Students must arrive to class on time; if late, you may be marked absent and dropped according to the attendance policy.
- Completion of all assignments, examinations and quizzes.
- At all times, students and instructor will use language appropriate to an academic setting.
- Cell phones are to be turned off before entering a campus computer lab or classroom.
- All food and drink must be put away or disposed of before entering the computer lab.

Required Text:

Pro Tools 101: Official Courseware; Thomson Course Technology;
ISBN-1-159863-424-0, ISBN-13: 978-1-59863-424-2; ©2007

Supplementary Requirements:

Medium quality stereo headphones

Special Accommodations:

If a student requires special accommodations, s/he must inform the instructor during the first week of the semester.

Tentative Class Schedule:

August 25	Syllabus, Introductions, read chapter 1
August 27	Lecture Ch. 1-2, read chapter 2
September 1	Quiz on chapters 1-2, Project 1 pgs. 273-289, read chapter 3
September 3	Lecture Ch. 3-4, read chapter 4
September 8	Quiz on chapters 3-4, Project 2 pgs. 325-336, read chapter 5
September 10	Lecture Ch. 5-6, read chapter 6
September 15	Midterm chapters 1-6, read chapter 7
September 17	Lecture Ch. 7-8, read chapter 8
September 22	Midterm Review, Show-and-Tell
September 24	Quiz on chapters 7-8, Project 1 pgs. 290-309, read chapter 9
September 29	Lecture Ch. 9-10, read chapter 10
October 1	Quiz on chapters 9-10, Project 2 pgs. 336-362
October 6	Review, Finish Projects 1 & 2
October 8	PT 101 exam
October 13	Review
October 15	Final PT 101 exam

Exam:

The final exam will be given individually, proctored by the instructor.

Cheating and Plagiarism:

Cheating and plagiarism are violations of trust between student and instructor. There will be no tolerance for either in this class. If you consider submitting work which is not your own, do not take this class. If you cheat or have others do your work, you will receive an F.

Incomplete:

An “Incomplete” grade will not be given simply because you have gotten behind in your course work. College policy requires that a student must have a passing grade up to 4 weeks before the end of the semester on all required course work up to that time. An “Incomplete” is only to be given in dire circumstances such as personal illness, or a death in the immediate family.

Grading:

Your final grade will be comprised of class attendance, active class participation, weekly quizzes, exercises, a midterm exam, and the final exam. You must take the Digidesign Pro Tools 101 Online Exam to receive a grade in this course. You will be given at least 2 opportunities to pass this exam. The first two tries are free. If you need to take the exam a third time or more, Digidesign will charge you \$30.00 for each additional attempt. To enroll in Pro Tools 110 you will need a grade of “C” or better in this course.

FOR THIS COURSE TO COUNT TOWARD PRO TOOLS CERTIFICATION, YOU MUST SCORE 90% OR BETTER ON THE ONLINE 101 EXAM. THIS MEANS YOU CAN MISS NO MORE THAN 5 QUESTIONS.

BONUS:

As a student enrolled in Pro Tools 101, you will be given access to the Digidesign Online Student Store where you will receive significant discounts of up to 40% on selected Digidesign products! Enjoy!