

## **Course Syllabus** **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 366 Pro Tools 201, Advanced Pro Tools course.

### **Instructor:**

Megan Foley is an adjunct instructor at Sacramento City College. Please feel free to contact her by email: [foleym@scc.losrios.edu](mailto:foleym@scc.losrios.edu)

### **Policies:**

In order to enroll in MUSM 356, you must be a second year student in the Recording Arts program. You must have completed MUSM 344 with a grade of “C” or better.

### **Attendance Policies:**

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. More than two absences may result in you being dropped from the class.

### **Required Text:**

Pro Tools 101: Official Courseware; Thomson Course Technology;  
ISBN-10: 1598631543, ISBN-13: 978-1598631548; ©2006

### **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.

\*Cell phones are to be turned off before entering a campus computer lab or classroom.

**Tentative Class Schedule:**

June 12	Read chapter 1
June 14	Quiz on chapter 1, read chapter 2
June 19	Quiz on chapter 2, read chapter 3
June 21	Quiz on chapter 3, exercise: pgs. 259-267, read chapter 6
June 26	Quiz on chapter 6, exercise: pgs. 267-275, read chapter 4
June 28	Quiz on chapter 4, exercise: pgs. 275-281, read chapter 5
July 3	Midterm chapters 1-6, exercise: pgs. 281-284, read chapter 7
July 5	Quiz on chapter 7, read chapter 8
July 10	Quiz on chapter 8, exercise: pgs. 284-293, read chapter 9
July 12	PT 101 exam, exercise: pgs. 293-299, read chapter 10
July 17	Quiz on chapter 10, exercise: pgs. 300-304, review PT 101 exam
July 19	Final PT 101 exam

**Final 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 may consider submitting work which is not your own, do not take this class. Valid sources must be cited in all papers and projects. If you cheat or have others do your work, you will receive an F.

**Incompletes:**

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 through July 9<sup>th</sup>. 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, daily 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 up to five 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. 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!