

MUSI 8002: Teaching Practicum

Syllabus

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Instructor Information

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1 Course Description

Supervised teaching experience in music technology. Students develop, deliver, and evaluate instructional materials and teaching activities under the guidance of a faculty supervisor. The practicum emphasizes effective course planning, inclusive and accessible instruction, communication with students, assessment of learning, and reflective improvement of teaching practice.

2 Prerequisites

Enrollment in the PhD in Music Technology program or permission of the instructor. Students must have sufficient subject-area preparation for their assigned instructional responsibilities.

3 Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Develop clear and measurable learning objectives.
- Plan and lead class sessions, laboratories, demonstrations, discussions, or related teaching activities.
- Provide timely and constructive feedback to students.

4 Required Course Materials

No textbooks or materials are required. Resources are determined in consultation with the instructor.

5 Grading Policy

This course is graded on a **Satisfactory (S)** / **Unsatisfactory (U)** basis.

- A grade of Satisfactory (S) indicates that the student has made acceptable progress in their research toward degree completion, consistent with the number of thesis credit hours for which the student is enrolled for the semester.

- A grade of Unsatisfactory (U) indicates that the student did not meet the expectations for satisfactory performance during the term.

6 Attendance Policy

This course does not include scheduled class meetings. Students conduct independent research under the supervision of a thesis advisor. The frequency and format of student’s advisor contact are determined by mutual agreement.

7 Academic and Research Honesty/Integrity Statement

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. Review the Student Code of Conduct and the Academic Honor Code, especially Appendix A: Graduate Addendum to the Academic Honor Code.

Students are expected to perform research in an ethical and responsible manner. All Doctoral and Master’s Thesis students are required to take the Responsible Conduct of Research training, and it is expected that students abide by the principles taught in that training while performing research for this thesis course.

Allegations of scientific or scholarly misconduct are handled in accordance with the procedures outlined by the Policy for Responding to Allegations of Scientific or Other Scholarly Misconduct.

8 Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services (often referred to as ADAPTS) at (404)894-2563 as soon as possible to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

9 Expectations of Advisors and Advisees

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to continually strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See Expectations of Advisors and Advisees for an articulation of some basic expectations — that you can have of me, and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.