BAIN MUSC 336 Introduction to Computer Music

Subject to Change

Daily Schedule

Updated: 11/18/23

Friday, Aug. 25 - A¹ Getting Started

Visit the MUSC 336 Blackboard course page (https://blackboard.sc.edu) Assignment: Technology Survey (Due: Wed., Aug. 30, 11:59 pm)

1. Course & Studio Introduction

Mon., Aug. 28	Course Introduction Reading: Music and Computers (Burk, et al. 2011)
	Ch. 1 The Digital Representation of Sound, Part One: Sound and Timbre
Wed., Aug. 30	Studio Introduction Reading: Studio B Policies
Fri., Sept. 1 - <i>A</i>	Assignments: (Due: Wed., Sept. 6, noon) • Quiz 1: Studio B Policies • Listening Activity #1: What is Computer Music?
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2. Audio Editing & Transformation		
Wed., Sept. 6	Learning Audacity	
Fri., Sept. 8 - <i>A</i>	Assignments: (Due: Wed., Sept. 11, noon) • Quiz 2a: Burk, § 1.1 What is Sound? • Quiz 2b: Burk, § 1.2: Amplitude & Loudness • Listening Activity #2: Music Concrète vs. Elektronische Musik	
Mon., Sept. 11	Audio Editing & Transformation Reading: Music and Computers (Burk, et al. 2011) Ch. 2 The Digital Representation of Sound, Part Two: Playing by the Numbers	
Wed., Sept. 13	Audio Editing & Transformation (cont.)	
Fri., Sept. 15 - <i>A</i>	Assignments: (Due: Mon., Sept. 18, noon) • Quiz 3a: § 1.3 Frequency, Pitch, and Intervals • Quiz 3b: § 1.4 Timbre • Listening Activity #3: Early Tape Music	
Mon., Sept. 18	Max Getting Started Reading: Max Getting Started, v4.5 (Cycling '74 2005)	
Wed., Sept. 20	Max & MIDI	
Fri., Sept. 22 - A	 Assignments: (Due: Mon., Sept. 25, noon) Quiz 4a: Ch. 2 The Digital Representation of Sound § 2.1-2.3 Quiz 4b: Ch. 2 The Digital Representation of Sound § 2.4-2.8 Listening Activity #4: Spatial Music 	
	Audio Project Proposal (Due: Fri., Sept. 22, 11:59 pm)	

¹ A – Asynchronous Assignment/Activity (see Blackboard).

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Mon., Sept. 25 Max Programming Concepts

Reading: *Introduction to Computer Music* (Haas 2021)

§ 3.1 MIDI Overview & History§ 3.2 MIDI Hardware Specification

Wed., Sept. 27 MIDI Programming Concepts

Fri., Sept. 29 - A Assignments: (Due: Oct. 2, noon)

Quiz 6: Max Getting Started

Listening Activity #5: Analog & Digital Synthesizers

Audio Project

(Due: Fri., Sept. 29, 11:59 pm)

Mon., Oct. 2 Generative Music

Reading: Real-World Digital Audio: MIDI (Kirn 2006)

• How MIDI Models Performances

Adding Expressivity

• Programs & Banks

Wed., Oct. 4 Audio Project Discussions

Fri., Oct. 6 - A Assignments: (Due: Oct. 9, noon)

• Quiz 7: MIDI

• Listening Activity #6: Algorithmic Composition

Mon., Oct. 9 Musical Algorithms

Wed., Oct. 11 General MIDI

Fri., Oct. 13 - A Assignment

• Midterm Exam² (Due: Mon., Oct. 16, noon)

Mon., Oct. 16 Encapsulation

Wed., Oct. 18 Applications

Fri., Oct. 20 - A Fall Break (no assignments)

Mon., Oct. 23 Introduction to MSP

Reading: Max 8 Documentation (Cycling '74 2021)

MSP: IntroductionHow MSP Works

Wed., Oct. 25 Beats

Fri., Oct. 27 - A Assignments: (Due: Oct. 30, noon)

Quiz 9: Introduction to MSP

• Listening Activity #7: Process Music

² The midterm exam will be posted in Blackboard on Wed., Oct. 11 at 3 pm.

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Mon., Oct. 30 Additive Synthesis **Reading**: Max 8 Documentation (Cycling '74 2021) How Digital Audio Works Wed., Nov. 1 Fourier Theory Fri., Nov. 3 - A Assignments: (Due: Nov. 6, noon) Listening Activity #8: Sonification Mon., Nov. 6 AM & FM Synthesis **Reading**: How Digital Audio Works (cont.) Wed., Nov. 8 *Project #2 Discussion Day* Fri., Nov. 10 - A Assignments: (Due: Nov. 13, noon) Quiz 10 How Digital Audio Works Listening Activity #9: Synthesis Mon., Nov. 13 Subtractive Synthesis Reading: Music and Computers (Burk, et al. 2021) Ch. 4 The Synthesis of Sound by Computer MSP Wrap-up Day Wed., Nov. 15 Fri., Nov. 17 - A **Assignment**: (Due: Nov. 20, noon) Quiz 11a-c: Music & Computers, Ch. 4 – Part 1 Listening Activity #10: Real-Time Interactive Performance Mon., Nov. 20 Sequencing Wed., Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING BREAK Fri., Nov. 24 Mon., Nov. 27 Learning Sequencing **Reading**: *Introduction to Computer Music* (Haas 2021) § 2.4 Mixing Consoles & § 2.5 Signal Processing: Effects Wed., Nov. 29 Step Sequencing Fri., Dec. 1 - A **Assignment**: (Due: Dec. 1, noon) Quiz 11d-f: Music & Computers, Ch. 4 – Part 2 Listening Activity #11: Laptop Music, Mobile Phone Music, Live Coding & Site-Specific Music Mon., Dec. 4 Working with Instruments Wed., Dec. 6 Effects, Mixing & Mastering Project #3 Proposal – Due: Mon., Dec. 4, 11:59 pm

Project #3: Sequencing, Synthesis, or RTI
Due: Wed., Dec. 13, 11:59 pm

FINAL EXAM (ONLINE)

Posted: Mon., Dec. 11, 6 am; Due: Fri., Dec. 15, 11:59 pm