

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS**

Course Outline

DD2081 3(2-0-1) UT 45 Hours

Winter 2005

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY II

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Transfer to UA, UC, CU, KUC and Others

Auditing Restrictions May Apply

- 1. Course Description:** This is a continuation of DD1081. More emphasis will be placed on composition and production techniques. The technical systems, recording, processing, editing and mastering of digital audio is a major focus of this course.
- 2. Prerequisite:** DD1081.
- 3. The Course in Perspective:** This course will is intended to give students more experience with multi-track digital recording, including miking, digital editing, and mixing (compression and equalization). Students will also learn more advanced MIDI sequencing techniques such as changes in velocity, pitch, the use of grooves and the drum editor, tempo changes, etc. Students will be introduced to the art of sound reinforcement as used in live musical performances.
- 4. Grading:** The student's will complete two substantial projects graded both on technical merit and artistic merit. The student will also be required to participate in the set-ups for live band performance in Howlers. The projects are listed below:
 - a) A recording project demanding multiple microphone placements, and simultaneous multi-track digital recording. (30%)
 - b) Demonstration of a working knowledge of miking, mixing, sound fold-back, and amplification as used in good live sound reinforcement. (10%)
 - c) An audio CD containing a minimum of 3 works demonstrating the students greatest skill level with regards to the use of sequencing and digital audio. The first multi-track recording project may not be used. These works must exhibit proper multi-track digital recording techniques, good editing, good panning and mixing. They should incorporate automated MIDI controlled changes such as panning, pitch bending, tempo changes, velocity changes, modulation changes (vibrato), etc. They may incorporate a MIDI drum track if needed. (60%)

All projects must be done with the consultation and approval of the instructor.
- 5. Materials Required:** Students will need stereo headphones with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch phono plug adapters. Students will not be able nor will they be allowed to work in the music computer lab without headphones. Students will also need blank CD-Rs for storing and transferring data.
- 6. Lab Rules:** Students are prohibited from installing additional software on the computers in the music lab. Likewise, they are prohibited from changing any of the parameters of the keyboards or sound modules. Students who do not observe these rules may be prohibited from working in the music computer lab and will be required to withdraw from the course.
- 7. Course Attendance:** Students who are absent from more than 20% of classes (including required lab time) will automatically be given a failing grade.