

Course Syllabus

MUSC 1405 (4:3:4)

Live Sound I

Sound Technology Program

Technical Education Division

Levelland Campus

South Plains College

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Creative Arts Department - South Plains College - Levelland Campus

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Course Title: *MUSC 1405 Live Sound I (4:3:4)*

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I. **General Course Information:**

MUSC 1405 Live Sound I will be taught as a Flex course. We will be meeting face to face for lecture/lab time. This will be supplemented with several online learning tools including lecture recordings, lecture notes, and video demonstrations.

- A. Description: An overview of the field of live sound. Includes principles of live sound and the theory and interconnection of the components of a sound reinforcement system. It is also the prerequisite for MUSC 2403 and all other Sound Reinforcement Certificate classes.
- B. End of Course Outcomes: Describe signal flow in sound reinforcement set-up; and explain the function, characteristics, and specifications of the components of a sound reinforcement system. Demonstrate competency in the setup of basic sound reinforcement systems.
- C. Course Competencies: Upon completion of this course, each student will have demonstrated through comprehensive examinations, a competent understanding of: basic sound system setup and operation, microphone choice and placement, a broad exposure to industry standards of equipment, and proper maintenance of a sound system.
- D. Academic Integrity: It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension. Students should refer to the SPC General Catalog, regarding consequences for cheating and plagiarism (see "Academic Integrity" as well as "Student Conduct" sections).
- E. SCANS: This course is designed to meet the following SCANS and Foundation skills criteria: C3, C6, C9, C13, C15, C17, C18, C19, F2, F5, F6, F9, F11, F15, and F16. A complete list of SCANS Competencies and Foundation Skills are located on the last page of the syllabus.
- F. Verification: This course is a fundamental building block for the student to move toward a capstone experience.

II. **Specific Course/Instructor Requirements:**

- A. Textbook and Other Materials: Course materials will be provided by instructor as needed.
- B. Attendance Policy: Punctual and regular attendance is expected of all students. Students are responsible for all missed material. If a student is absent on a day that an assignment/assessment is given, **the student will not be allowed to make up the assignment/assessment unless the absence is an excused absence.** Passwords for the assignment/assessments will not be given if the absence is unexcused. For an absence to qualify as excused the student must contact the instructor via email prior to the class meeting and provide their reason for not attending. Based on the reason given by the student, the instructor will determine if the absence qualifies as excused or unexcused. Any student not present at roll taking will be given an unexcused absence unless the student has provided prior notification. There will be a daily attendance grade that will average and count as 20% of your final grade. Tardiness and unexcused absences will result in a 0 for the daily attendance grade. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class.
- C. Assignment/Assessment Policy: Assignments/assessments will be announced during class. Students will be given a password to access the assignment/assessment via Blackboard. Due dates will be provided.
- D. Grading Policy/Procedure: At least two tests, a hands-on test, a quiz average and the final will account for 100% of the final average. Grading format: A= 90-100%, B= 80-89%, C= 70-79%, D= 60-69%, F= 0-59%
- E. Special Requirements: There are no specific entry level standards for this course. Students will be responsible for arranged lab activities throughout the semester.

III. **Course Outline:**

Topic Outline:

What is a sound system?
Frequency Response
Basic Electricity
Decibel, Sound Level, and related items
TEST
Microphones
Loudspeakers
Power Amplifiers
TEST
Consoles/mixers
Cabling
Prepare for hands on test
HANDS ON TEST
Review for final
Final Exam

Instructor reserves the right to modify this at any time.

V. Accommodations

SPC Standard Disability Statement: Any students who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make and necessary arrangements. Students must present appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office during the instructor's office hours. Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations until appropriate verification from the SPC Disability Service Office has been provided. For more information, you may contact the Disability Services Office (located in the Health & Wellness Center) at 806-716-2529 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

Equal Opportunity, Harassment, and Non-Discrimination Statement: South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360. South Plains College is dedicated to providing a safe and equitable learning environment for all students. Discrimination, sexual assault, and harassment are not tolerated by the college. The Health and Wellness Center offers confidential support (806-716-2529) and Voice of Hope has a 24-hour hotline: 806-763-7273. You are encouraged to report any incidents online at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/about/campussafety/complaints.php>.

Pregnancy Accommodation Statement: If you are pregnant, or have given birth been within six months, under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 to initiate the process

Covid Statement

Consistent with the latest CDC recommendations, we have revised our guidance for students, faculty, and staff who have a known exposure or have tested positive. Anyone with a known exposure should wear a mask for 10 days and should seek a COVID-19 test on day five after exposure. If you test positive or develop symptoms, you should immediately self-isolate and seek a COVID-19 test. Please immediately notify your instructor, supervisor, and DeEtte Edens, Associate Director of Health and Wellness, any time you test positive for COVID-19. Anyone who tests positive is required to self-isolate for five days. Following the five-day isolation period, if you are asymptomatic or your symptoms are resolving, you may return to work or class but should wear a mask for five additional days. If you are still symptomatic, please contact DeEtte Edens at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376 prior to your return date.