

Course Syllabus

MUSC 1405 (4:3:4)

Live Sound I

Sound Technology Program

Technical Education Division

Levelland Campus

South Plains College

Fall 2020/Spring 2021

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 set up 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.
- 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
Consoles/mixers

TEST

Cabling
Prepare for hands on test
HANDS ON TEST
Review for final

Final Exam

Instructor reserves the right to modify this at anytime.

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

Face Covering Policy

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Fall 2020 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation.