

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:

- 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, with a score of 60% or better, 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, pg.22-23, 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: Sound Reinforcement Handbook by Gary Davis and Ralph Jones. Additional Handouts provided by instructor as needed.

B. Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

Punctual and regular attendance is required of all students. Missing four consecutive classes or having a total of five absences *may* result in an instructor-initiated withdrawal. Students are responsible for all missed material. If a student is absent on a day that a test is given, **he or she will not be allowed to make up the test unless arrangements are made prior to the test day.** Any student not present at roll taking will be counted absent unless prior arrangements have been made.

C. Assignment Policy: Projects and reading assignments will be announced at least one class meeting prior to responsibility for material.

D. Grading Policy/Procedure: At least two tests, a hands on test, a daily quiz average and the written 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:

Sec. 1 What is a sound system?

Sec. 2 Frequency Response

Basic Electricity

Sec. 3 Decibel, Sound Level, and related items

TEST

Sec. 10 Microphones

Sec. 13 Loudspeakers

Sec. 12 Power Amplifiers

Sec. 11 Consoles/mixers

TEST

Sec. 15 Cabling

Prepare for hands on test

HANDS ON TEST

Review for final

Final Exam

Instructor reserves the right to modify this at anytime.

IV. **Accommodations**

ADA Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.