

**Institutional Effectiveness Report
2021-2022**

Program: Music BA

College and Department: College of Fine Arts - School of Music

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Mission: The mission of the School of Music is to provide the best possible preparation for careers and/or graduate studies in teaching and music performance. The offerings of the School of Music also enable students to build and share in an enriched life through participation in activities in music; to broaden the cultural perspective of the community, state, and region; and to instill in all University students a keen appreciation of music.

Program Goals:

PG 1. Through numerous performances, the School will provide a rich musical experience for students, members of the Tech community and beyond.

Student Learning Outcomes:

SLO 1. The student will understand and apply Music Theory concepts and skills.

SLO 2. All music students will understand Music History.

SLO 3. The student will understand current music software including visual and audio media relevant to music making and music teaching.

SLO 4. Students will have basic piano keyboard skills required to be able to work in a classroom setting.

SLO 5. Music education students will be prepared for a career in music education and music teaching.

Assessment Methods:

PG 1: Through numerous performances, the School will provide a rich musical experience for students, members of the Tech community and beyond.

1. Musical Cultural Events: The School maintains a list of events such as recitals, concerts, large ensembles, masterclasses, chamber groups and guest artists.

SLO 1: The student will understand and apply Music Theory concepts and skills.

1. Music Theory:
 - a. The student will be able to hear, identify and work conceptually with the elements of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, structure, timbre and texture.

Measure: Final exam in Harmony and Aural Training 4 demonstrating the ability to hear, identify and work conceptually with the elements of music. (*Direct Measure of Learning*)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will meet minimum standards on the comprehensive final in Harmony IV

- b. The student will have the ability to read and analyze musical notation.

Measure: Two composition projects completed in Harmony IV (*Direct Measure of Learning*)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will meet minimum standards on the two composition projects in Harmony IV.

- c. *Completion and Success rates for Harmony sequence:* Success is defined as earning a C or better in the Harmony course.

SLO 2: All music students will understand Music History.

1. Music History & Literature

- a. The student will have the ability to synthesize and demonstrate the relationship of music within historical context.

Measure: Oral and written exam from Music History I and Music History II (*Direct Measure of Learning*)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will meet minimum standards on the final exams in Music History I and Music History II.

- b. The student will have knowledge of non-western, popular, folk/primitive/ethnic genres.

Measure: Final grade in Music Appreciation (*Direct Measure of Learning*)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will meet minimum standards on the final grade in Music Appreciation.

SLO 3: The student will understand current music software, including visual and audio media relevant to music making and music teaching.

1. Technology

- a. The student will demonstrate understanding of current music software, visual and audio media relevant to music making and music teaching.

Measures: Final project in Computer Applications Class demonstrating the use of music software and visual/audio media. (Direct Measure of Learning)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will meet minimum standards on the final project in Computer Applications Class

SLO 4: Students will have basic piano keyboard skills required to be able to work in a classroom setting.

1. Keyboard Skills

- a. Students will demonstrate basic piano keyboard skills required to be able to work in a classroom setting.

Measures: Piano proficiency in Class Piano IV (Direct Measure of Learning)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will take and pass the Piano Proficiency upon first attempt

SLO 5: Music education students will be prepared for a career in music education and music teaching.

1. Teacher Education

- a. Students will demonstrate readiness to teach K-12 music.

Measures: PRAXIS II – Music: Content and Instruction (*Direct Measure of Learning*)

Achievement Target: 75% of students will take and pass the PRAXIS II upon first attempt.

Results:

PG 1. Through numerous performances, the School will provide a rich musical experience for students, members of the Tech community and beyond.

More than 200 music events were programmed during 2021-2022. The majority of these events are free for students and the public. Included were performances by professionals as well as students, and the concerts provided a rich cultural opportunity for the TTU campus and local community. Music students had the opportunity to perform in solo recitals, ensemble performances, and with guest artists.

The School of Music scheduling system supports the complex task of reserving rehearsal and performance spaces. A full-time staff member manages this system.

The preparation required for the concerts required a synthesis of the music students' academic music courses and their ensemble/applied study. The concepts taught in Music Theory, Aural Skills, Music History and overall musicianship combine in the rehearsal and performance process.

SLO 1. The student will understand and apply Music Theory concepts and skills.

In Spring 2022, 18 students were enrolled in Harmony IV. 16 students (89%) met the minimum standard on the comprehensive final exam. 17 students (94%) met the minimum standards on the two composition projects.

22 students were enrolled in Aural Skills IV. 21 (95%) met the minimum standards on the comprehensive final exam. The results indicate that the material was understood, and the assessment target was met.

SLO 2. All music students will understand Music History.

In Fall 2021, Music History I had 28 students enrolled. On the final comprehensive aural exam, 25 met minimum standards (89%). On the final comprehensive written exam, 23 met minimum standards (82%).

In Spring 2022, Music History II had 23 students enrolled. On the final comprehensive aural exam, 23 met minimum standards (100%). On the final comprehensive written exam, 23 met minimum standards (100%).

The results indicate that the target was met. Over 75% of the students are demonstrating an understanding of music history and literature.

SLO 3. The student will understand current music software including visual and audio media relevant to music making and music teaching.

In Fall 2021, 10 students were enrolled in the Computer Applications course and 8 (80%) met minimum standards on the final project in the Computer Applications course. In spring 2022, 8 students (100%) met minimum standards on the final project. The results indicate that the material was understood and incorporated into a final project, and the assessment target was met.

SLO 4. Students will have basic piano keyboard skills required to be able to work in a classroom setting.

In Spring 2022, 15 were enrolled in Piano Class IV. 4 students (27%) passed the proficiency on their first attempt. 4 students (27%) received an incomplete and will have the opportunity to successfully complete the course. Therefore, the target was not met.

SLO 5. Music education students will be prepared for a career in music education and music teaching.

In 2021-22, 16 students attempted the PRAXIS II – Music Content and Instruction exam. 5 students (31%) passed on the first attempt. Therefore, the target was not met.

Modifications for Improvement

Student Learning Outcome 4

Due to significantly lower success rate on the Piano IV proficiency exam, the department has decided to implement the following actions:

1. New Section and Instructor – Starting Fall 2022, students will have the option to take Piano III and Piano IV with Dr. Catherine Godes or Mr. Paul Thurmond. Historically, these courses have only been taught by Dr. Godes (since hired in 1993). We are hoping that this additional section/instructor will help Dr. Godes examine and improve her current curriculum and teaching methods.
2. Additional Office Hours – Starting in Fall 202, Dr. Godes and Mr. Thurmond have agreed to help struggling students by meeting with them individually outside of class time. These extra help sessions will be provided at no cost to the students and will be scheduled on an individual basis.
3. Tutoring Center – Starting in Fall 2022, piano tutors were hired to help struggling students. Currently, one tutor has been hired to provide individual assistance, at no cost to the students. Piano instructors have been recommending that students with failing grades regularly attend tutoring sessions.

Student Learning Outcome 5:

Due to significantly lower success rate on the PRAXIS exam, the department has decided to implement the following actions:

1. Increase Practicum Hour Requirements – Although students struggled passing the PRAXIS exam, we feel that some of their shortcomings are related to their lack of Practicum hours. For this reason, we are drastically increasing their Practicum hour requirements (more the doubling the required hours). Further, we are involving the Office of Teacher Education to help students find more impactful practicum experiences.
2. Tutoring Center – Starting in Fall 2022, music education tutors were hired to help struggling students. Currently, one tutor has been hired to provide individual assistance, at no cost to the students. Music Education course instructors have been recommending that students with failing grades regularly attend tutoring sessions.
3. In order to improve PRAXIS scores, Dr. Eric Harris (Associate Director of Bands) hosts weekend PRAXIS study sessions during the Spring semesters for students planning to take the PRAXIS.
4. Dr. Harris also started teaching a new music education lab ensemble that operates like a middle school band class, MUED 4850 - Workshop in Music Ed. This ensemble is an elective course and aims to give music education students a lab experience on a secondary instrument.
5. Lastly, our long-time Music Education faculty member, Dr. Judith Sullivan, retired last semester after 15 years of service. We are using this as an opportunity to re-examine the Music Education curriculum, in hopes of improving the curriculum and course content. These curriculum changes will occur during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Appendices

1. Curriculum Map

Appendix 1: Curriculum Map

1 indicates core class	Learning Outcomes: I=Introduce R=Reinforce M=Mastery A=Assessment	Demonstrate growth in artistry, technical skills, solo and collaborative competence and knowledge of repertoire	Demonstrate keyboard competency	Develop skills necessary to assist in the development and advancement of a career in the musical field	Develop teaching skills, particularly as related to the major area of study	Demonstrate the ability to place music in historical, cultural and stylistic contexts	Demonstrate an understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction	Demonstrate the ability to work independently to prepare performances at the highest possible level
	MUS 1000 Private Composition			I, R		R	I	R
	MUS 3000 Private Composition			R, M		R	M	M
1	MUS 1011 Beginning Class Piano I	I	I	I		R	I	R
1	MUS 1012 Beginning Class Piano II	I	I, R	I		R	R	R
1	MUS 1013 Recital Class	R		R		R		M
	MUS 1016 Accompanying	R	R, M	R		R	M	M
	MUS 1021 Class Voice Techniques I	I		I	I	R		
1	MUS 1023 Intermediate Class Piano III	R	I, R	I, R		R	R	R
1	MUS 1024 Intermediate Class Piano IV	M	M, A	M		R	M	M
1	MUS 1025 Wind Ensemble	R		R, M		R	R	M
	MUS 1031 / 1032 String Techniques I / II	I		I, R	I	R	R	R
1	MUS 1033 Marching Band	R		M		R	R	M
1	MUS 1040 Symphony Band	R		M		R	R	M
	MUS 1041 / 1042 Woodwind Techniques I / II	I		I, R	I	R	R	R
	MUS 1045 Concert Band	R		M		R	R	M
	MUS 1051 / 1052 Brass Techniques I / II	I		I, R	I	R	R	R
1	MUS 1060 Chorale	R		M		R	R	M
1	MUS 1070 Concert Choir	R		M		R	R	M
	MUS 1071 Percussion Techniques	I		I, R	I	R	R	R
	MUS 1074 Music to Meet Except Ed Needs			I, R			R	
	MUS 1081 / 1082 Improvisation I / II	I, R		I, R		R	R, M	R
1	MUS 1085 University Orchestra	R		M		R	R	M
1	MUS 1090 Jazz Ensemble	R		M		R	R, M	M
1	MUS 1091 Jazz Lab Band	R		M		R	R, M	M
	MUS 1100 Private Piano	I	I, R	I, R		R	R, M	M, A
	MUS 3100 Private Piano	M	R, M	M		R	R, M	M, A
1	MUS 1120 Harmony I	I		I, R		R	I	
1	MUS 1130 Aural Techniques I	I		I, R		R	I	
1	MUS 1140 Harmony II	I		I, R		R	R	
1	MUS 1150 Aural Techniques II	I		I, R		R	R	
	MUS 1195 Student Recital	M		M		M	M	M, A
	MUS 1200 Private Voice	I, A		I, R		R	R	M, A
	MUS 3200 Private Voice	M, A		M		M	M	M, A
	MUS 1210 Diction for Singers I	I		I, R		R		
	MUS 1300 / 3300 Private Violin	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1301 / 3301 Private Violincello	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1302 / 3302 Private String Bass	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A

	MUS 1303 / 3303 Private Viola	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1400 / 3400 Private Flute / Piccolo	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1401 / 3401 Private Oboe / English Horn	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1402 / 3402 Private Clarinet	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1403 / 3403 Private Bassoon	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1404 / 3404 Private Saxophone	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1500 / 3500 Private Trumpet	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1501 / 3501 Private Horn	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1502 / 3502 Private Trombone	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1503 / 3503 Private Tuba/Euphonium	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1600 / 3605 Private Organ	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1700 / 3700 Private Percussion	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
	MUS 1900 / 3900 Private Guitar	I / M, A		I, R / R, M		R / M	R / M	M, A
1	MUS 2110 Harmony III	I, R		I, R		R	R	
1	MUS 2120 Aural Techniques III	I, R		I, R		R	R	
1	MUS 2130 Harmony IV	M		M		R	M, A	
1	MUS 2140 Aural Techniques IV	M		M		R	M, A	
	MUS 3306 Opera Workshop	R		M		R	R	M
	MUS 3010 Music History & Lit I	R, M		R, M		M, A	R	
	MUS 3020 Music History & Lit II	R, M		R, M		M, A	R	
	MUS 3130 Form and Analysis	M		M		R	M	
	MUS 3210 Instrumentation	M		M		M	M	
	MUS 3220 Jazz Composition / Arranging I	M		M		M	M	
	MUS 3240 Choral Literature	M		M		M	M	
	MUS 3710 / 3720 Pedagogy/Literature I & II	M		M	R	M	M	
	MUS 3800 / 3810 Vocal Pedagogy and Lit I & !!	M		M	R	M	M	
	MUS 3950 Junior Recital	M, A		M		M	M	M
	MUS 4000 Senior Recital	M, A		M		M	M	M
	MUS 4120 Contemporary Music	R, M		M		M	M	
	MUS 4250 Recording Techniques	I, M		M		R	M	
	MUS 4500 Conducting	I, R		M		R	M	
	MUS 4510 Computer App in Music	I, R		M		R	M	
	MUS 4710 / 4720 Supervised Teaching I / II	I / R		R	I, R, A	R	M	
	MUED 1820 Intro to Music Ed	I		I	I	R	I	
	MUED 3110 Mtrl & Meth in Music K-5	R, M		M	M	M	M	
	MUED 3130 Mtrls/Mthds - Instr Music 6-12	R, M		M	M	M	M	
	MUED 3230 Marching Band Techniques	M		M	M	M	M	
1	MUED 3620 Fundamentals of Conducting	I, R		I, R	I	R	M	
	MUED 3630 Instrumental Conducting & Lit	R, M		M	M	M	M	
	MUED 4871 Residency I	R		R	I, R, A	M	M	
	MUED 4872 Professional Seminar I	R		R	I, R, A	M	M	
	MUED 4881 Residency II	M		M	M, A	M	M	
	MUED 4882 Professional Seminar II	M		M	M, A	M	M	

