



MUS 589.01E

**RESEARCH IN MUSIC EDUCATION:
THEORY AND PRACTICE
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Instructor Information

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University and Department Information

University Mission Statement

East Texas A&M University-Commerce nurtures and educates for success through access to academic, research, and service programs of high quality.

Mission Statement

The School of Music at East Texas A&M University promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

Course Description

Research Applications in Music Education affords graduate students the opportunity to pursue special interests or research not treated in the regular curriculum. The student will conduct in-depth research on a topic pertinent in music education and craft a final project.

Course Outcomes

The student will complete a rigorous activity with the aid of the instructor who approves the project, directs the independent study, and evaluates the product of the study. The activity may include, but is not limited to,

conducting a research project, preparing a paper for publication, crafting a series of lessons on a particular topic, participating in a unique learning opportunity, or producing a performance.

All independent studies must result in some tangible product, such as a thesis, a digital resource, etc. The IS must show ideas learned and/or growth gained from the elementary methods and literature courses.

The student will meet with the instructor regularly to discuss progress and brainstorm ideas about revision and reorganization.

Instructional Methods

This course will be blended. Students will be expected meet with the instructor regularly and complete benchmark assignments in D2L.

Student Responsibilities

- Organize your materials in an orderly fashion in a Google folder to which your instructor has access.
- Attend every required face-to-face meeting fully prepared.
- Prepare all assignments and readings thoroughly and completely.
- Refer to MyLeo Online/D2L Brightspace for assignment instructions.
- Contact the instructor with any questions.

Classroom Expectations

Virtual Learning Expectations

The following expectations are provided should virtual synchronous events be utilized for any reason (such as class, convocation, or a workshop):

- Students should maintain a professional appearance as would be expected in the classroom.
- Students attending synchronous classes should have their video turned on and be attentive throughout the class. Please position your camera in a well-lit professional environment so that your face is displayed.
- camera must remain on and the student must actively participate to receive credit for the class or workshop.
- Consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with others in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

- Download any materials that are not in the course pack from D2L and organize them in an orderly fashion in your notebook.
- Attend every class and perform to the best of your ability.
- Prepare all assignments and reflections thoroughly and completely.
- Refer to MyLeo Online/D2L Brightspace for assignment instructions.
- Contact the instructor with any questions.

All students are expected to follow the Tenets of Common Decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook: <https://www.etamu.edu/student-code-of-conduct>. The tenets apply to all communication to the instructor.

Demonstrate commitment to your course of study by contributing thoughtfully to class discussions, turning in assignments in a timely manner, being prompt and dependable, and accepting critiques graciously.

Cell phones should be turned off before class begins and concealed from view throughout the duration of the class period. Please take care of any necessities (food, drink, restroom) before coming to class so that we may proceed without interruption. If you need to bring a bottle of water, please take care keep the cap secured. Dispose of all food and chewing gum before class begins. No food, chewing gum, or drinks other than water are allowed in the classroom.

Engagement/Performance grades will be given according to the instructor's discretion:

- An A will be earned by the student who arrives early with all materials, exhibits superior attentiveness, is fully prepared for class, participates with enthusiasm, and is a leader and role model to others.
- A B will be earned by the student who exhibits excellent attentiveness, is prepared for class, participates with enthusiasm, and is a valued asset to others.
- A C will be earned by the student who exhibits average attentiveness, preparation, and class participation.
- A D will be earned by the student who exhibits little attentiveness, preparation, and participation.
- An F will be earned by the student who exhibits no attentiveness, preparation, or participation. This student will be instructed to drop the course.

Academic Honesty

It is expected that you will exhibit ethical behavior concerning your work in this class. Students are expected to do their own work, use their own words in papers, and to reference outside sources appropriately. It is not appropriate to use one assignment for two courses. Failure to uphold the standards of academic honesty may result in a zero for the assignment in question, a report of Academic Misconduct sent to the Office of Academic Affairs, or an automatic fail for this course.

For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty, visit the webpage for Academic Integrity: <https://www.etamu.edu/academic-integrity-guide/>

AI Use in Course

ETAMU Statement

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

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Communication is important, and AI can be quite helpful for making our communication more accurate, powerful, or elegant. In this course, AI may be used as a thesaurus—for occasionally choosing a word or two (or perhaps a short phrase). However, AI cannot tell me your thoughts, your learnings, your connections with your past experience, or your dreams for your future classroom. I want to read *your words*.

Technology Requirements

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements:

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

Access and Navigation

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@etamu.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

Communication and Support

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor. If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here: <https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Other Resources

Quicktime (www.apple.com), RealPlayer (www.real.com), and Windows MediaPlayer 11.0 (www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download) will enable you to view videos.

Grading System

90 - 100	= A
80 - 89	= B
70 - 79	= C
60 - 69	= D
0 - 59	= F

Keep up with your semester average each week by checking D2L.

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Students Requesting Accommodations Due to Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities.

If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 903-886-5150, 903-886—5835; email studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu; online at [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#); or in-person in Room 162 of the Velma K. Waters Library.

Please note that faculty members are unable to make accommodations unless they have received a letter from SDRS.

Nondiscrimination Notice

ETAMU will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained. Please let me know what pronouns you would prefer I use for you in class and in conversation.

Musician Health and Safety

Valuable information and resources are provided on the D2L shell to assist the musician in the prevention of injury and to provide a resource for discovering information about injury assessment and injury recovery.

Student Advocacy and Support at ETAMU offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit etamu.edu/student-advocacy-support/

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and ETAMU Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus (<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesproceduresstandardsstatements/rulesprocedures/34safetyofemployeesandstudents/34.06.02.r1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance and posted on D2L.