Graduate Studio Pedagogy: Syllabus, Winter 2022

Course information

Course number: 9702b
Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:10, Thursday 9:30-10:20 in TC101
Prerequisites: Open to M.Mus. performance majors, or by permission

Instructor

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Course description
This course explores studio teaching, specifically private and group music lessons. This course is for students on any instrument and with any level of teaching experience.

Learning outcomes
Students in the course will:

• Develop familiarity with a broad range of literature on pedagogy, teaching and learning
• Evaluate research and pedagogical materials that are scientific and non-scientific, scholarly and non-scholarly
• Apply concepts from research literature to teaching practice
• Develop reflexive skills and habits through observation and reflection
• Relate course concepts back to the pedagogy of their particular instrument or instrument family
• Build professional skills and a professional portfolio of materials

Course resources
Readings will be made available on OWL. A course bibliography will be distributed for reference.

Evaluation

Unless otherwise indicated, assignments to be submitted by 9:30am via the Drop Box on OWL

Studio observations (3 x 10%)

• Observation 1 due January 24
• Observation 2 due February 7
• Observation 3 due March 7

Research paper: proposal/bibliography due February 14, paper due March 14

Video teaching project: video due March 18, peer response due March 25, reflection due April 1

Professional materials assignment, due April 8

Reading responses (weekly, as assigned – 12 x 2%, lowest two marks discarded)
i) Enrollment Restrictions: Enrollment in this course is restricted to graduate students in Performance, as well as any student who has obtained special permission to enroll in this course from the course instructor as well as the Graduate Chair (or equivalent) from the student’s home program.

ii) Statement on Academic Offences: Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic offence, as found [here](#).

iii) Statement on Health and Wellness: Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to [Mental Health@Western](#) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

iv) Statement on Accommodation for Medical Illness (adapted from the [Senate policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences–Undergraduates](#)): The Graduate Program in Music recognizes that a student’s ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by illness or injury. In order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student’s course grade shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the office of the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies), not to the course instructor.

Students with special learning needs or other circumstances are asked to inform the instructor as soon as possible so that necessary accommodations can be considered.

v) Accessible Education Western (AEW): Western is committed to achieving barrier-free accessibility for all its members, including graduate students. As part of this commitment, Western provides a variety of services devoted to promoting, advocating, and accommodating persons with disabilities in their respective graduate program.

Graduate students with disabilities (for example, chronic illnesses, mental health conditions, mobility impairments) are strongly encouraged to register with Accessible Education Western (AEW), a confidential service designed to support graduate and undergraduate students through their academic program. With the appropriate documentation, the student will work with both AEW and their graduate programs (normally their Graduate Chair and/or Course instructor) to ensure that appropriate academic accommodations to program requirements are arranged. These accommodations include individual counselling, alternative formatted literature, accessible campus transportation, learning strategy instruction, writing exams and assistive technology instruction.