

UNLV Department of Music
Independent Study: “The Wind Transcription”
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Course Description

This course is designed to provide experiences in creating an original wind orchestra transcription. Students will be provided techniques and strategies for examination and critique of orchestration choices, and devices for sonic emulation through instrumentation.

Texts & Materials:

- AN orchestration book (your choice- examples will be provided)
- Scores for analysis (see below)
- Score-writing software (Finale or Sibelius preferred- pen and paper is OK)
- Access to recordings/YouTube, etc..

Course Objectives:

- Explore issues with copyright
- Analyze wind transcriptions:
 - Orchestration
 - Arrangement
 - Tonality
- Create an original full wind band transcription
- Have the transcription read by a full ensemble

Course Schedule

Date	Assignment
Feb 21 (Noon)	Analysis #1 Due
Feb 28 (Noon)	Permission to arrange documentation due
Mar 14	Analysis #2 Due
Throughout (TBA)	UPDATES of transcription
TBA	Final reading

Assignments and Evaluation

• Students will be evaluated on their ability to accomplish course goals. A higher amount of subjectivity than usual in other subjects is inherent to portions of evaluation due to the subjective nature of music and musical performance. Students should recognize that subjective evaluation is the norm for many aspects of the musical profession and will be a factor in final grading.

Analysis #1	up to 500 Points
Analysis #2	up to 500 Points
Permission to arrange	100 points
Final Project	up to 900 points
Total	2000

Grading Scale

A-1800-2000, B 1600-1800, C 1400-1600, D- 1200-1400 F- 1199 and below

Late assignments will receive no credit. No exceptions.

Academic Expectations

Students will:

- be prompt and regular in attending classes;
- be well prepared for classes;
- **submit required assignments in a timely manner;**
- act in a respectful manner toward other students and the instructor and in a way that does not detract from the learning experience; and
- make and keep appointments when necessary to meet with the instructor.

In addition to the above items, students are expected to meet any additional course and behavioral standards as defined by the instructor.

Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation(s), you are encouraged to contact your instructor and Disabled Student Services as soon as possible.

Email Policy

I expect that you will check your university email at least once every day.

Disability Resource Center (DRC)

It is important to know that over two-thirds of the students in the DRC reported that this syllabus statement, often read aloud by the faculty during class, directed them to the DRC office.

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) coordinates all academic accommodations for students with documented disabilities. The DRC is the official office to review and house disability documentation for students, and to provide them with an official Academic Accommodation Plan to present to the faculty if an accommodation is warranted. Faculty should not provide students accommodations without being in receipt of this plan.

UNLV complies with the provisions set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, offering reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the DRC for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC-A), Room 143, and the contact numbers are: Voice (702) 895-0866, fax (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <http://drc.unlv.edu/>.

Religious Holidays Policy

Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the last day at late registration of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays that do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. This policy shall not apply in the event that administering the test or examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the university that could not be avoided.

For additional information, please visit: <http://catalog.unlv.acalog.com/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=44&bc=1>.