# AUBURN UNIVERSITY COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Number:** CTMU 1010

**Course Title:** Introduction to Music Education

**Credit Hours:** 0 Semester Hours (1 Semester Hour for Community Music Minors)

**Prerequisites:** Music Education Major, Minor, or Departmental Approval

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to teaching music, including music education historical perspective, methods, and literature in the field. Covers requirements for admission to teacher education and certification at the end of the degree.

## JUSTIFICATION FOR GRADUATE CREDIT (when offered at graduate level)

Graduate students are expected to demonstrate their advanced music knowledge and skills developed as well as higher-order level of written and oral synthesis of research and professional literature.

## TEXTS OR MAJOR RESOURCES

* All readings and support materials provided through Canvas.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The importance of teaching music
2. The nature of teaching music
3. Planning for and assessing music learning
4. Preparation for and competencies in music teaching
5. Music education as a profession and development in that profession
6. Music content for teaching PK-12 in the U.S.
7. International perspectives for teaching music
8. Challenges to teaching music

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Sing a solfege scale with solfege hand signs.
2. Plan for teaching music lessons.
3. Articulate both verbally and in written formats current personal beliefs about teaching music.

Specific assignments are posted on Canvas.

## GRADING PROCEDURES

Assignments will be graded in one of two ways.

1. Complete or Incomplete (this will be scored as 100 or 0).
2. An A-F based on the following scale: A = 90 – 100 B = 80 – 89.99 C = 70 – 79.99 D = 60 – 69.99 F = Below 60
3. Final grades will be assigned based on the same A-F scale (above).

## AUBURN UNIVERSITY CLASS POLICY STATEMENTS

**Please see the Student Policy eHandbook for important information:** [*http://www.auburn.edu/student\_info/student\_policies/*](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/)

1. Attendance and Excused Absences. Students are expected to attend all their scheduled classes. College work requires regular class attendance as well as careful preparation. Specific policies regarding class attendance are the prerogative of individual faculty members. Certain absences can be excused based on the AU Attendance Policy and there must be proper documentation to verify the reason for the absence.  
   See the full policy: [LINK](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassAttendance.pdf)
2. Excused Absences. Instructors shall determine the policy regarding grading which they feel is best for the course. This policy shall be presented to the class, in writing, at the beginning of the term and will govern the actions of the instructor in the course. Arrangement to make up missed major examinations (e.g. hour exams, midterm exams) due to properly authorized excused absences shall be initiated by the student as soon as possible but no later than one week from the end of the period of the excused absence. Normally, a make-up exam shall occur within one week from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it. Instructors are encouraged to refrain from giving make-up examinations during the last three days prior to the first day of final examinations. The format of make-up exams and opportunities for students to make up work other than major examinations are at the discretion of the instructor whose make-up policies should be stated in writing at the beginning of the term. Instructors are expected to excuse absences for:
   1. Illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family. The instructor may request appropriate verification.
   2. The death of a member of the student’s immediate family. The instructor may request appropriate verification.
   3. Trips for members of the student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, and trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to such absences, but in no case more than one week after the absence. Instructors may request formal notification from appropriate university personnel to document the student’s participation in such trips.
   4. Religious holidays. Students are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays.
   5. Subpoena for court appearance. Documentation may be requested.
   6. Military Orders. Documentation may be requested.
   7. Any other reason the instructor deems appropriate. Documentation will be required.
3. Academic Honesty Policy. All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the *Tiger Cub* will apply to university courses. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.
4. Disability Accommodations. Students who need special accommodations in class, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act, should arrange for a confidential meeting with the instructor during office hours in the first week of classes (or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately). The student must bring a copy of their Accommodations Letter and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If the student does not have these forms, they should make an appointment with the Program for Students with Disabilities, 1288 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).
5. Course contingency. If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation (such as an H1N1 flu outbreak, or COVID-19 shutdown), the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original materials. See Dr. Kuehne if you have questions.

## ADDITIONAL PROFESIONALISM POLICIES

1. College of Education Professionalism. As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions: (a) Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices; (b) Contribute to collaborative learning communities; (c) Demonstrate a commitment to diversity; and (d) Model and nurture intellectual vitality.
2. General Professionalism. Students in Music Education MUST demonstrate professionalism in both actions and speech in classes on campus, and in labs or other school-related visits/placements.
3. The Family Rights and Privacy Act (Public Law 93-380). This Act assures parents that all information concerning their child will be kept confidential. The only person who may access records or information are those who are directly involved with the student's educational program. Educational records cannot be released without the written consent of the parents. In compliance with this federal law, the following guidelines must be followed for students taking this course:

* All discussion about a student or students should be conducted with the teacher or university supervisor only.
* Discussion should be conducted in the privacy of the classroom or the teacher/supervisor's office. (Be aware of listeners in all settings.)
* You should not discuss students with other parents, agencies, or other students.
* Limit discussion to those involved with your assignment.
* When providing reports, class observations, lesson plans for university classes, identify the student by a pseudonym or his/her first name only.
* Do not violate any of the above guidelines in electronic communications such as e-mail, discussion boards, or stored documents such as word processor files stored in your computer.

1. On-Campus Class Attendance. Each day you will receive a daily grade based on your completion of the daily reflection. If you miss class for any reason, excused or unexcused, you will be assigned a “Zero” for that day. If you arrive late or leave early, your grade will start at an “80.” If you have missed for an excused reason, you can watch the class video, post notes, and then recover the daily points you were not able to earn due to absence.
2. Assignment Completion and Revision. Complete and submit your assignments and requested revisions by due dates and times listed in Canvas.
3. Degree Credit. You must make a “C” or better in this class for it to count toward degree credit.

## COVID-19 AND HEALTH RELATED POLICIES

***Our goals is to remain healthy, prevent the spread of disease, and continue to meet face-to-face.***

**HEALTH AND CLASS PARTICIPATION**

Your health and safety, and the health and safety of your peers, are my top priorities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, or if you discover that you have been in close contact with others who have symptoms or who have tested positive, please consider getting a COVID-19 test. My hope is that if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, you will stay home to protect others.

Please do the following in the event of an illness or COVID-related absence:

* Notify me in advance of your absence, if possible
* Provide me with medical documentation, if possible
* Keep up with coursework as much as possible
* Complete available class activities as much as possible
* Notify me if you require a modification to the deadline of an assignment or exam
* Finally, if remaining in a class and fulfilling the necessary requirements becomes impossible due to illness or other COVID-related issues, please let me know as soon as possible so we can discuss your options.
* Students with questions about COVID-related illnesses should reach out to the COVID Resource Center at (334) 844-6000 or at [ahealthieru@auburn.edu](mailto:ahealthieru@auburn.edu).
* This information is subject to addendum or edits based on on-going policy and health changes.

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING RESOURCES

These are difficult times, and academic and personal stress is a natural result. Everyone is encouraged to take care of themselves and their peers. If you need additional support, there are several resources on campus to assist you:

* COVID Response Team <https://auburn.edu/covid-resource-center/>
* Student Counseling and Psychological Services <http://wp.auburn.edu/scs/>
* AU Medical Clinic – <https://cws.auburn.edu/aumc/>

If you or someone you know are experiencing food, housing or financial insecurity, please visit the Auburn Cares Office: <http://aucares.auburn.edu/>

## COURSE EXPECTATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

* ***Face Coverings are REQUIRED in this class***. As a member of the Auburn University academic community, you are required to follow all university guidelines for personal safety with face coverings, physical distancing, and sanitation. Face coverings are required in this class and may continue to be required in all campus buildings. Note that face coverings must meet safety specifications, be worn correctly, and be socially appropriate. You are required to wear your face coverings at all times. If you remove your face covering or are non-compliant with the university’s policies, you will be instructed to leave the classroom and will be held to the protocols outlined in the Auburn University Policy on Classroom Behavior (<https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf>). Any student who willfully refuses to wear a face covering and does not have a noted accommodation may be subject to disciplinary action.
* **Physical Distancing will be used.** We will attempt to socially distance according to current AU policy and CDC guidelines.
* **Course Attendance**: If you are quarantined or otherwise need to miss class because you have been advised that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, you will be expected to develop a plan to keep up with your coursework during any such absences.
* **Course Meeting Schedule**: Be sure to pay attention to any updates to the course schedule as the information in this syllabus may have changed. Please discuss any questions you have with me.
* **Technology Requirements:**This course may require particular technologies to complete coursework. If you need access to additional technological support, please contact the AU Bookstore at [aubookstore@auburn.edu](mailto:aubookstore@auburn.edu).
* *Disruptive or concerning classroom behavior involving the failure to wear a face covering, as directed by Auburn University, represents a potential Code of Student Conduct violation and may be reported as a non-academic violation. Please consult the Auburn University Policy on Classroom Behavior (*[*https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf*](https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/PolicyonClassroomBehavior.pdf)*).*

## COURSE DELIVERY CHANGES RELATED TO COVID-19

Please be aware that the situation regarding COVID-19 is frequently changing, and the delivery mode of this course may adjust accordingly. In the event that the delivery method is altered, please be assured that the learning goals and outcomes of the course will not change; however, some aspects of the course will change in terms of the mode of delivery, participation, and testing methods. Those details will be shared via Canvas as soon as possible. Please be prepared for this contingency by ensuring that you have access to a computer and reliable Internet.

## FINAL INFORMATION

The instructor for this course reserves the right to modify this syllabus and its policies to fit the needs of students, to ensure student safety, and/or to adhere to requirements of emerging AU policies related to COVID-19 changes or other significant events. If changes are made, students will be notified of those changes through Canvas.