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MUS 1360 Digital Musicianship and Production Syllabus

Class times for Section 001: Rm 147 – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (9:35am - 10:25am)

Contact Information

(I) Principal Instructor: Chris Shelton, Ph.D. (in progress) Email: shelton.d@ufl.edu https://chrissheltonmusic.com Office Hours: by Appointment in the Lab or via Zoom

(II) Graduate Assistant: Derris Lee, B.A. *M.M. in Performance (in progress)*

Email: <u>dlee25@ufl.edu</u> Official Website

Office Hours: by Appointment

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Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

<u>Teaching Center</u>: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: <u>Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage</u> for more information.

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E-learning technical support: Contact the <u>UF Computing Help Desk</u> at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at <u>helpdesk@ufl.edu</u>.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

<u>Library Support</u>: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

<u>Teaching Center</u>: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information.

On-Line Students Complaints: View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process

INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.