

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Music Tech

Martin Kohn

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description:

Music Tech uses the music industry as the basis to learn about recorded music history, music technology, music marketing and vocations within the music industry. Students act as members of the board of directors of Comet Records as we seek to manage our record label.

Course Objectives:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the steps needed to record, produce, release and market a recording.
2. Describe the international structure of major and independent recording labels.
3. Describe how various technologies, including microphones, mixing boards and MIDI instruments, are used in the making of a recording.
4. Understand legal concerns encountered in the recording industry.
5. Identify changes within market strategies concerning the recording industry.
6. Describe a variety of jobs within the recording industry.

Required Class Materials:

Students are required to bring a pen or pencil to each class. Students are encouraged to maintain a notebook or folder to keep their completed worksheets and tests.

Text:

A Music Business Primer written by Diane Rapaport

Course Outline:

1. History of recorded music.
2. Current international structure of the music industry.
3. Creative Rights
4. Music Licensing

5. Artist Management and Promotion
6. Business of record labels
7. Marketing and selling records.
8. Audio Services.
9. Recording Technology
10. Industry occupations.

Major Assignments:

Mid-semester, personal graphic art project.

Grading:

The majority of your grade points will be gained from reading the assigned portions of the book and then completing a worksheet. Since this will all be done in class, you will have to purposely not do the work in order to fail this course. Incidentally, you must turn in your worksheets in order for them to be graded and earn you credit.

Class Policies & Procedures:

If it is not yours or yours to use, don't touch it.

1. Be attentive during instruction and during classroom activities.
 - a. Be quiet when Mr. Kohn or a classmate is talking.
 - b. Do not bring in outside materials unless given prior permission.
2. Respect the opinions of others.
3. Bring required materials to each class
 - a. Clipboard or other writing surface.
 - b. Pencil or pen
 - c. Folder.
 - d. Additional assigned materials
5. Gum, food, candy or any beverage besides bottled water is not allowed in the classroom.

If you choose to violate a school or classroom rule, you will receive one or more of the following:

1. Verbal reminder of policy and request to change behavior.
2. Classroom seat change.
3. Fifteen minute lunch period detention with instructor.
4. Parent contact regarding behavior.
5. Written discipline notice to Dean of Students.
6. Parent conference regarding behavior.
7. Other as determined by instructor and Dean of Students

Miscellaneous:

Instructor Contact:

Mr. Kohn can be contacted via email martinkohn@cusd4.org or at his office phone (815)694-2321 ext. 2123. His contact times are dependent on his schedule.