



PAPER OUTLINE 2013

Paper Code & Title: **MUSC 265** *Electronic Music: Theory and Analysis*
Year: 2013 **Points:** 20
CRN: 15600 **Trimester:** 1 **Campus:** NZSM - VUW Kelburn
Prerequisites: *One of CMPO 101-184, MUSC 105-150 or MUSC 164-167 or PERF 151*
Corequisites: *None*
Restrictions: *NZSM 265*

Key dates: Teaching dates: 4 March–7 June 2013
 Easter break: 28 March–3 April 2013
 Mid-trimester break: 22–28 April 2013
 Study week: 10–14 June 2013
Exam/Assessment period: 14 June–3 July 2013
 (where applicable) *NB: For courses with exams, students must be available to attend the exam at any time during this period.*

Final item of assessment due: 17 June 2013
Withdrawal dates: 15 March 2013
You can withdraw from this course on or before this date with full refund of the course fee by completing an FHSS Course Add/Drop form. After this date, a Fee Reconsideration will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds>
Note that both late withdrawal and course failure may affect your Studylink eligibility. See below for more details.

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Office located at: MS 207, Kelburn Campus
Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:30-11:00am

Class times & rooms: Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00am–10:30am (Room MS 209)

Workshop times & rooms:

Tutorial times & rooms: There are no tutorials for this course

PAPER PRESCRIPTION

A detailed exploration of the key theoretical concepts and analytical approaches applicable to electronic music, from musique concrète and Elektronische Musik to the present day.

TEACHING LEARNING SUMMARY

This course comprises two 1.5-hour lectures per week. Lectures will include in-class activities such as critical and analytical listening exercises, as well as class discussions. Attendance at selected NZSM Composer Workshop and Music Forum events, as well as electronic music / sound-based art events outside the NZSM, is strongly recommended (the class will be notified of such events during lectures and via Blackboard).

See attached course syllabus for more information.

EXPECTED WORKLOAD

A 20-point first-trimester paper should require at least 200 hours work (including class time). This means that in term time, the midterm break and study week you should be prepared to spend on average 13 hours per week involved in activities such as attending classes, reading, listening to recommended recordings and preparing assignments.

READINGS, MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

Set texts:

Holmes, Thom (2012). *Electronic and Experimental Music: Technology, Music, and Culture* (4th ed.). New York: Routledge.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre Foyer from 11 February to 15 March, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from vicbooks' new store, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. After week two of the trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks Easterfield Building. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8am–6pm, Monday–Friday during term time (closing at 5pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515

Recommended reading:

Please see syllabus.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A student completing this paper will have:

1. an overview of the key theoretical concepts and analytical approaches applicable to electronic music
2. a critical understanding of core theoretical and analytical literature in the field
3. developed intermediate skills in the interpretation and formal analysis of electronic music
4. an in-depth analytical knowledge of key works of electronic music.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Approved assessment regime

The following assessment regime for this paper has been approved by the NZSM Academic Committee:

There are 4 items of assessment:

1. Two in-class tests. Related to learning outcomes 1-4 (30%).
2. Two minor analysis assignments (1,000 words each with analytical diagrams). Related to learning outcomes 2-4. (30%).
3. Major analysis assignment (2,000 words with analytical diagrams), to be submitted during examination period. Related to learning outcomes 2–4. (30%).
4. Critical journal, 10 entries (each entry 250–500 words). Related to learning outcomes 1, 2. (10%).

Assessment details for this offering

<i>Assessment name</i>	<i>Word length / duration</i>	<i>Learning objective(s)</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>% of final grade</i>
Critical journal	10 entries, (each entry 250–500 words)	1, 2	5:00pm Mondays: 11, 18, 25 March; 8, 15, 29 April; 6, 13, 20, 27 May	10%
Minor analysis assignment 1	1,000 words with diagrams	2-4	5:00pm, Thurs 4 April	15%
In-class test 1	50 mins closed book	1-4	In class, Thurs 18 April	15%
Minor analysis assignment 2	1,000 words with diagrams	2-4	5:00pm, Thurs 2 May	15%
In-class test 2	50 mins closed book	1-4	In class, Thurs 6 June	15%
Major analysis assignment	2,000 words with diagrams	2-4	5:00pm, Mon 17 June	30%

PENALTIES

Assignments must be submitted by the due dates. In fairness to other students, unless a medical certificate is produced, assessment submitted after 5pm on the due date will be subject to a 5% demerit on your grade, increasing by 5% each further working day it is overdue.

Students, who for exceptional reasons can justify an extension for an item of assessment, must apply to the Course Coordinator *before* the due date. Please note that no extensions can be granted for tutorial assignments.

ASSIGNMENT PRESENTATION

Written work should be presented according to the guidelines set out in the **NZSM Guidelines for Academic Work**, which can be downloaded as a PDF document from the NZSM Website <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides>. Five percent (5%) will be deducted for written work that does not conform to these standards.

MANDATORY PAPER REQUIREMENTS

To gain a pass in this course each student must:

- a) complete each item of assessment worth at least 10% specified for this course (subject to penalties for late submission of work)
- b) attend at least 80% of lectures and 80% of tutorials (if relevant) related to this course.

If for health reasons you are unable to complete all the work required for assessment purposes for this paper by 3 July, you may, on presentation of a medical certificate, have the date for submission extended by the Director, NZSM.

DEPOSIT AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT

Assignments should be deposited electronically via Blackboard.

Marked assignments will be returned electronically via Blackboard.

SCALING OF GRADES

To obtain a fair distribution of marks relative to assignment difficulty, scaling may be employed on some or all assessment items in accordance with guidelines set out in the VUW Assessment Handbook:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/publications/assessment-handbook.pdf

ACADEMIC PROGRESS, NON-ENGAGEMENT & STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY

All NZSM students are bound by the VUW Academic Progress Statute. VUW manages the enrolment of students who are not making satisfactory academic progress by:

- restricting the number of courses that students may enrol in, and/or
- requiring students to meet certain conditions.

Students whose academic progress continues to be unsatisfactory may be suspended for a specified period. Students who return after suspension and whose academic progress remains unsatisfactory may be excluded from the University.

Any student who is enrolled in more than two courses in a trimester and achieves E grades in all courses will be considered “non-engaged”. The University can suspend or exclude such students. For full details about restrictions and conditions refer to:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress>

Also, please note that students will be required to pass at least half of their courses in order to continue to qualify for a student loan. For more information see:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/loansandallowances/performance-criteria>

COMMUNICATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Official notices issued after the paper has commenced will be posted on the board outside the NZSM office on the Kelburn campus. Notices concerning a number of papers will also be posted on Blackboard. The Course Coordinator will specify if Blackboard will be used.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Student representatives for the NZSM are elected in the first week of the trimester, and their names and contact details will be available to VUWSA and/or MaWSA, the Course Coordinator and to each class. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website (<http://www.vuwsa.org.nz>) or MaWSA website (<http://www.mawsa.org.nz>)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning, are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the school's learning, teaching and research activities are based. The NZSM's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The NZSM defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the NZSM website: <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides>.

GENERAL NZSM POLICIES AND STATUTES

Students should familiarise themselves with the NZSM's policies and statutes, especially those regarding Personal Courses of Study, Academic Grievances, Staff and Student Conduct. Please see <http://www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides>.

For any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied, see either the Massey University Calendar or the Victoria University of Wellington Calendar.

Information about Student Services, including Academic Mentoring for Māori and Pasifika Students, and support for Students with Disabilities, is to be found in the NZSM Student Handbook (available from the NZSM offices on each campus).

HUMAN ETHICS GUIDELINES

Any student assessment or project at any level that involves human subjects (including the documenting, interviewing and recording of information from people) must follow ethics guidelines. For courses in Music Therapy, students must follow Massey University Ethics guidelines. For all other courses, students must follow VUW Ethics Guidelines. For information and assistance as it relates to your course, consult first with your Course Coordinator. Guidelines are given at these URLs:

- <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fgr/current-phd/ethics>
- <http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/research-ethics/human-ethics>

WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

As Victoria University of Wellington is the Institute of Enrolment for the NZSM, further detailed information about dates, grades, enrolment procedures and qualification status can be found on their website:

- Student grades, academic profile, academic timetable, campus announcements, etc.:
 - my.vuw.ac.nz
- Key dates, explanations of grades, plagiarism:
 - www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study
- Monitoring of academic progress, and how enrolment can be restricted:
 - www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress
- Course withdrawal, degree planning, credit transfer and academic transcripts:
 - www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin/faqs

EVENTS

Regular events are held during trimesters 1 & 2 at all NZSM campuses. These events are for the benefit of all students, and include performances, masterclasses, special lectures and workshops given by staff, students and visiting artists.

All students are expected to keep time free to attend the weekly lunchtime concert on Friday at 12.10pm, along with other events as required.

Students should sign up to the **Dawn Chorus**, the NZSM's events e-newsletter, by emailing *events@nzsm.ac.nz* with "subscribe dawn chorus" in the subject line.

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