

# MUSC 151: SONGWRITING I

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2022
Credits:	2
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	36
Lab Hours:	18
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	72
Prerequisite:	Audition.
Strongly Recommended:	MUSE 100.
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Standard Letter, Pass/No Pass

## Catalog Course Description

This course acquaints the student with commercial songwriting techniques. Included are developing an idea, writing a melody, melodic expansion, chord progressions, form, and light orchestration. 36 lecture hours, 18 lab hours.

## Course Objectives

- create a melody in a chosen musical style
- provide the appropriate harmony for the composed melody
- lightly orchestrate the composition for a small commercial group
- analyze popular songs in terms of melody, form, style, chords and phrasing

## Major Course Content

1. Lyric Analysis
  - a. Listening
  - b. Reading
  - c. Writing
2. Instrumental
  - a. Listening
  - b. Reading
  - c. Writing
    - i. Chord Structure
    - ii. Voicing
3. Performance
  - a. Recording
    - i. Appropriate Style
    - ii. Appropriate Energy
    - iii. Rhythmic Accuracy
    - iv. Intonation
    - v. Sonic Approach
  - b. Live
    - i. Appropriate Style
    - ii. Intonation
    - iii. Rhythmic Accuracy
    - iv. Appropriate Energy

- v. Attire
- vi. Speaking
- vii. Sonic Approach

## Lab Content

1. Workshop and Develop Songs / Ideas
2. Rehearsal Preparation and Direction
3. Rehearsals
4. Recording Preparation
5. Recording Session
6. Mixing

## Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Sonnets Song Lyrics Online web resources Industry Periodicals Musical Biographies

## Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Written projects, including sonnets, song lyrics, and idea sketches are required.

## Examples of Outside Assignments

Write Songs Listen to and Evaluate Songs Observe and Evaluate Performances Research Genres Analyze Song Structure in Various Genres

## Instruction Type(s)

Lab, Lecture, Online Education Lab, Online Education Lecture