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Spring 2023

# Composition Lab

## *Student Terms & Requirements*

### **Summary**

Students learn how to write for various instruments, analyze exciting works of music to learn what makes them tick, and compose pieces of their own. The class culminates in recording sessions with a professional performer. This class requires some instrumental/vocal experience and knowledge of music notation.

### **Technical requirements**

- Computer (laptop or desktop)
- Stable broadband internet access
- Webcam
- Speakers or headphones
- Microphone, or headphones with a built-in microphone
- Scanner or scanner app
- Staff paper and pencil

Please note that professional notation software such as Sibelius, Finale, or Dorico is not required but students are welcome to use it if they are comfortable. We are unable to provide technical assistance with this software.

### **Schedule**

This class will meet once per week for 55 minutes over Zoom (the specific day and time will depend on the section). Classes begin February 13, 2023 and end May 12, 2023. No classes will be held March 25-31.

### **Age Requirement**

Students must be at least 13 years of age to enroll.

### **Software**



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We will use some or all of the following applications:

- Soundtrap for Education (Digital Audio Workstation) [Privacy Policy](#)
- Zoom (video conferencing) [Privacy Policy](#) and [Children's Educational Policy Statement](#)
- Discord (communication) [Privacy Policy](#)
- Synthase applications (music education) [Privacy Policy](#)
- Flat for Education [Privacy Policy](#)

All of these can be used in-browser, and some have an optional downloadable component. None of them require a separate purchase.

Other websites and platforms may be engaged if needed and we will use our discretion to make sure that they are safe and appropriate for our students. If you have any questions about technology use, feel free to reach out to [support@synthase.cc](mailto:support@synthase.cc).

## **Activities and Expectations**

In our classes, students will participate in a range of activities including group and individual projects, synchronous and asynchronous online communication with their peers, workshops, class discussions, in-class singing, listenings, keyboard exercises, and other activities determined by class interest. Students can expect to average about two hours a week on out-of-class activities.

## **Attendance & Participation**

Our classes tend to be hands-on and experientially oriented. Activities in class require students to 1) have completed their out of class assignments, 2) have adequate equipment (see list of technical requirements), 3) be punctual, and 4) be an active participant. To ensure the best results, students are expected to attend and participate in every class meeting. If students miss any part of class for any reason, students are asked to come to office hours, and we will help you catch up on any assignments or information from class.

## **Students with Disabilities**

Synthase is devoted to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students. We welcome students with disabilities and will do our best to accommodate student needs. Please communicate any needs with us as soon as possible before the start of class by emailing [support@synthase.cc](mailto:support@synthase.cc).

## **Community Standards**

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Our classes and communities cultivate a community of trust, respect, and mutual support, and we welcome students of all races, ethnicities, genders, abilities, and sexual orientations. We will not tolerate hate speech, bullying, or sexual harassment. All communication in online platforms must be kind, courteous, and appropriate for an educational setting. No objectionable, offensive, insensitive, or graphic content will be allowed and we have a right to remove any posts from our community channels.

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