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Course Description
MUS2304 | Introduction to DJ| 3.00 credits

This course is designed to teach fundamental techniques of playing pre-recorded music using turntables, DJ software, and digital audio controllers. Through hands-on learning, students explore both the creative and technical facets of DJing for a variety of audiences, preparing them to pursue professional DJ careers.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The students will demonstrate the fundamental concepts of DJing by:
1. Explaining the role of a DJ in different contexts, including clubs, festivals, and private events
2. Identifying various DJ equipment and differentiating between their functions
3. Demonstrating an understanding of the basic terminology and vocabulary used in DJing

Competency 2: The students will develop technical skills in DJing by:
1. Operating DJ equipment, including turntables, CDJs, and controllers, effectively and efficiently
2. Utilizing DJ software to mix and blend tracks seamlessly
3. Troubleshooting common technical issues that may arise during a DJ set

Competency 3: The students will apply creative techniques in DJ performances by:
1. Utilizing effects, loops, and samples to enhance mixes and create unique sounds.
2. Incorporating scratching and other turntablism techniques to add flair and creativity to performances
3. Experimenting with different mixing styles and transitions to develop a personal DJing style

Competency 4: The students will develop skills in creating engaging performances by:
1. Selecting and sequencing tracks effectively to maintain the flow and energy of a DJ set
2. Utilizing a microphone and communication techniques to interact with the audience during performances

Competency 5: The students will develop an understanding of the business and professional aspects of DJing by:
1. Exploring career opportunities and paths within the DJ industry
2. Demonstrating the importance of professionalism, ethics, and legal considerations in DJing
3. Identifying key elements in a DJ performance contract
4. Developing effective networking and promotional strategies to establish and advance a DJ career

Learning Outcomes:
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities