MUSC 402 – MUSIC INTERNSHIP

As required, time determined by individual student’s internship work schedule
Instructor: TBD

Course Description and Goals: This course will acquaint students with the professional world of music making, through working with music producers, music managers, and music entrepreneurs. Students will work under the guidance of music faculty to understand the inner workings of how music is produced in performance venues, in educational settings, and in non-traditional settings. Internship opportunities and professional environments vary and demand differing skills from interns.

Students have a wide variety of off-campus internship opportunities available. Plans for the internship must be finalized during the semester before the internship takes place in consultation with your faculty mentor. There are, at times, a limited number of internships available within the Music Department, including UMBC concert management. Students are expected to spend 120 hours/semester working as an intern, and must keep a log of hours spent at the internship. A written final report by the student, as well as a written assessment by the intern’s manager, will be required.

Students must register for PRAC 95/98/99 (zero credits) during the semester of the internship, and must participate in the professional development workshops offered by the Career Center as required by this co-requisite course.

The student is expected to participate in the process of procuring an internship. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm that an internship is available prior to registering for MUSC 402.

Prerequisites: MUSC 225 or permission of instructor.

Grading: Students are evaluated through a combination of manager/administrator feedback, work/project logs (reports), faculty meetings/discussions and the total number of hours worked. It is expected that a student will work a total of 120 hours at an internship, although there is some flexibility allowed due to variations in work environments. The student will keep logs of work hours spent and submit a final report explaining all aspects of work completed.

Schedule of topics and events: Determined by individual internship.

Grading Scale: Hours worked at internship and assessment by internship manager = 85% of grade. Student logs, faculty meetings and written final report = 15% of grade.

Academic integrity statement:
“By enrolling in this course, each student assumes the responsibilities of an active participant in UMBC’s scholarly community in which everyone’s academic work and behavior are held to the highest standards of honesty. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and helping others to commit these acts are all forms of academic dishonesty, and they are wrong. Academic misconduct could result in disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, suspension or dismissal. To read the full Student Academic Conduct Policy, consult the UMBC Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, or the UMBC Policies section of the UMBC Directory.”

The UMBC Student Handbook can be downloaded here: