

Texas Southern University
Assessment Narrative
Academic Year 2007-08 thru 2009-10

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Program: Masters of Arts in Fine Art

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The mission of the M.A. program in music is to prepare our students for advanced study toward the doctoral degree, to provide continuing education for professional musicians, and to prepare performers and teachers to make a contribution in the fields of performance and general education.

Goal 1

To provide professional-level instruction in the student's principal performance medium.

Outcome 1.1 – Students will demonstrate the ability to perform in their principal instrumental or voice medium

Knowledge and skills assessment scores in MUSI 641 and MUSI 647 are the metrics that will be used to measure the success of this learning outcome. For all three years 2008-2010, the target was that 80 percent of students would score 70% or better on the knowledge and skills assessment.

Findings (2008-2010)

For 2007-2008, 100% of students (3 of 3) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 641 assessment while 100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 647 assessment. For 2008-2009, 100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 641 assessment while 100% of students (2 of 2) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 647 assessment. For 2009-2010, 100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 641 assessment. The MUSI 647 course was not offered in 2009-2010.

Action Plan Summary – 2008-2010

Our agreed informal action plan was to increase the graduate music enrollment by at least three students per year. The rationale for this was to reach the minimum performance level of three graduates per year. Our enrollment rose from five students in 2007-08 to a total of six students in 2008-09, and seven students in 2009-10. At present, the program has a total enrollment of nine students. Although we consider this overall increase in enrollment to be favorable, we did not meet our aforementioned goal. Consequently, the University Low-Producing Programs Committee recommended that the Fine Arts Masters Degree to be discontinued.

Goal 2

To introduce students to advanced technical and interpretive concepts in music.

Outcome 2.1 – Students will demonstrate an understanding of important chronological and stylistic concepts in music history and the relationship of music to other aspects of culture

For all three years 2008-2010, the target was that 80% of students would score 70% or better on the knowledge and skills assessment.

Findings (2008-2010)

For 2007-2008, 50% of students (1 of 2) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 645 assessment. In 2008-2009, 75% of students (3 of 4) scored 70% or above on the MUSI 645 assessment. In 2009-2010, 100% (1 of 1) of students scored 70% or above on the MUSI 645 assessment.

Action Plan Summary – 2008-2010

Program has been recommended by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for closure based on low enrollment. Effort to reconstitute program as Master's in Music.

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Goals	Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives	Metric	Target			Findings			Action Plan	Reference Document
			2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10		
Goal 1 To provide professional-level instruction in the student's principal performance area (instrumental or vocal)	SLO 1.1 Students will demonstrate the ability to perform in their principal instrumental or voice medium (MUS 641 Orchestration and Composition and MUSI 647 Performance Practice)	Skill assessment scores in MUSI 641	80% of the students will score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 641	80% of the students will score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 641	80% of the students will score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 641	100% of students (3 of 3) scored 70% or above	100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% of above	100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% or above	Based on 2009-2010 Findings Program has been recommended by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for closure based on low enrollment. Effort to reconstitute program as Master's in Music	R1 MA Fine Arts Assessment Summary
		Skill assessment scores in MUSI 647	80% of students will score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 647	80% of students will score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 647	80% of students score 70% or better on skill assessment in MUSI 647	100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% of above	100% of students (2 of 2) scored 70% of better	MUSI 647 Course not offered in 2009-2010		
Goal 2 To introduce students to advanced technical and interpretive concepts in music	SLO 2.1 Students will demonstrate an understanding of stylistic concepts in music history and the relationship of music to other aspects of culture through readings, research and creative projects (MUSI 645)	Knowledge assessment scores in MUSI 645	80% of students will score 70% or better on knowledge assessment in MUSI 645	80% of students will score 70% or better on knowledge assessment in MUSI 645	80% of students score 70% or better on knowledge assessment in MUSI 645	50% of students (1 of 2) scored 70% or above	75% of students (3 of 4) scored 70% or above	100% of students (1 of 1) scored 70% of above		