Course Prefix and Number: COMM 106  Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Legal Issues in the Entertainment Field

Course Prerequisites: None


Course Description: This course provides an overview of legal issues that influence the entertainment industry. Topics covered include: the creative process, censorship, intellectual property, artist representation, publicity, and U.S. copyright law.

Learning Outcomes: At the end of this course the student will be able to:

A. demonstrate a practical comprehension of the development and use of contracts and copyrights;
B. understand the creative and financial process from preproduction to distribution;
C. understand monetary compensation avenues; and
D. demonstrate an understanding of various other legal considerations of the music business.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. define appropriate Copyright Act Terms. (A,D)
2. process various copyright forms. (A,D)
3. analyze and discuss Standard Songwriter Agreements. (C,D)
4. calculate distribution of sales proceeds among record company, artist, writer, and publisher. (C,D)
5. create a strategic financial plan for a music publishing company. (B,C,D)

Course Requirements: This course requires attendance, class participation, assignments, exams, and projects as determined by the instructor.

Course Grading Scale:  
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Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at [http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html](http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html)

Course Fees: $20.00
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