

# Music 040 Final Assignment

## Reflection on the Semester

A chapter for your autobiography describing your 1<sup>st</sup> semester at PSU!

**Content:** This project will be continuously developing over the semester, and will include several of the assignments you will be expected to complete. You will develop an electronic portfolio, which will follow your transition from a high school student, or a transfer student, to a Penn State music major. Below is a description of the e-portfolio content you will develop. We will take you to the computer lab during the semester, where technology instructors will help you develop your own website. Your website will be made available for your classmates to peruse, as well as your instructors.

**HOME** page, containing a “Welcome” statement, personal contact information, plus a photo(s) or clipart. This can be photos of you, your instrument, ---something which captures a bit of what “YOU” are about! It should have links to *both* the School of Music and PSU. *It will also contain links to **all** other pages.*

**ABOUT ME** page: Family, friends, dorm/apartment life, high school memories, etc. Must contain photos with descriptions of who/where/what is displayed, for the viewer. Have fun!

**ACADEMIC LIFE** page: opening paragraph describing WHY you decided to go into education (brief). Include link to former HS or Community College, (with explanation as to why link is there); could include current course listing /schedule. Will contain links to *Outstanding Teacher* assignment (this may fit nicely into your reason for education choice), and *Teacher Interview* assignment.

**MUSICIANSHIP** page: Description of your major instrument, name of Professor (link) and studio information; ensemble memberships; past musical memories/memorabilia; listing of studio repertoire; photo of you performing, or scanned program; *Musical Artifact* assignment (written paragraph and description of what the artifact was if it is not obvious in your paragraph); **VIDEO** of your presentation.

**TEACHING** page: under construction

**CONDUCTING** page: under construction

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** page: *Professional Organizations* assignment; *Professional Development Plan*; *Professional Goals Reflection* assignment; memberships in professional organizations

*Due: Final Week of the semester*

***Questions to consider:***

Is the transition from high school or a different college to PSU what you expected?

- What aspects were easier? More difficult? **Were you prepared?**

In what ways did the experience of this semester influence your plans for the future?

- By convincing you that you have made the “right” choice OR causing you to rethink your career choice?

The purpose of this assignment is to provide an opportunity to reflect on the semester in both specific and general ways. To effectively complete this assignment, you will need to respond to questions, such as the above, with **insightful, reflective** answers. Also, please feel free to provide additional information that you would like to share. Photographs are excellent ways to use less words---and **show rather than tell**.

**FORMAT:** This assignment will be completed using technology. You will be given two-three opportunities in a computer lab during this class time. The class will be divided into three sections. You will each design a PORTFOLIO (scrapbook) which can be put on the web. A **checklist** is included with this assignment, listing all requirements for this project.

IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE PRODUCTIVE you must activate your personal web space on the Penn State System. THIS APPROVAL TAKES **THREE (3) DAYS - IT MUST BE DONE at least 3 days BEFORE YOUR ASSIGNED LAB DATE** for your passwords to be activated.

Here is the link to the e-Portfolio page with the instructions. Click on the link “Apply for webspace” <http://portfolio.psu.edu/apply>

Please *carefully* read these instructions. The fact that you have an e-mail account with PSU means that step one and two are completed already! You will start at STEP #3. There are 5 questions to answer based on the FAQ that appear in the application. You must answer these questions correctly in order to be permitted to have space. If you fail, (3 or less correct) **take the test until you pass!!** It helps you with this☺.

Your “final product” should reflect a high degree of professionalism, with correct spelling and grammar, good organization, and must be visually attractive, and easy to navigate. Every page should have a link to **all** others, or at least back to HOME.