

ECS614U/ECS749P: Assignments 3/4 - Soundscape

The main piece of coursework for this module is the soundscape assignment. As well as producing a soundscape, you must provide an accompanying document, which outlines your concept and the practical decisions made along the way. The overall layout of the document should be as follows:

1. Abstract.
2. Introduction, literature review and discussion of concept.
3. Planned application of literature to achieve concept.
4. Production decisions:
 - Composition.
 - Recording (including microphone choices!).
 - Mixing.
 - Mastering.
5. Discussion of difficulties/successes.
6. Conclusion, i.e. did you realise your concept?

Submission of this assignment is divided into two parts. The concept, which includes parts 2 and 3 of the list above, form Assignment 3. The rest of the document and the soundscape audio form Assignment 4.

Assignment 3 - Soundscape Concept Document: 30%

DUE: Friday 22nd November 2013

The first part of the soundscape assignment is a document outlining your concept. You must describe how you are going to achieve your chosen concept in relation to current academic research and/or industry best practice. This takes the form of a literature review and you should reference anything you use properly. Websites are not good references. It's fine to have a few of them but you should be aiming to reference conference or journal papers, or textbooks where possible.

Assignment 4 - Soundscape Audio and Technical Document: 55%

DUE: Friday 13th December 2013

The second part of the document includes the practical decisions as well as the abstract and conclusions for the whole assignment. When you submit the final document please include the concept sections for completeness (although you will have already been marked on the early submission).

Submission of the soundscape must follow the following criteria.

- 2 to 5 minutes in length.
- Must contain some audio that you have recorded yourself.
- Post-master wave file at CD quality (16 bit, 44.1 kHz).
- Pre-master wave file of quality at least as good as the CD.