Understanding and Enjoying Music – 1306-001
Summer II, 2012

12:00 – 1:55 pm Monday through Thursday
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi – BH 207

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If these hours do not fit your schedule, please call or e-mail me and we will find a mutually agreeable time.

Course Description: The major focus of this course is to explore Western Art Music and to develop the critical listening skills needed to become an active participant in a performance setting. We will study and listen to music literature of contrasting styles and forms.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will be able to identify major style periods in Western Art Music in terms of their dates, important musical styles and genres, major musical developments and principal composers.
2. Students will be able to identify social, political and economic factors that influence the creation and performance of music.
4. Students will be able to identify the major styles of American popular music in terms of general dates, important musical styles and genres, major musical developments and principal performers.

Text and Materials:
Please note that it will be very hard to pass this class if you do not purchase the book in one of the two formats.

The Enjoyment of Music Website: The site will be a very valuable study resource. It has quizzes and additional information on the composers and music in every chapter. The site is designed to greatly enhance your understanding of music and its influence on society. There are many links to associated websites. http://www.wwnorton.com/college/music/enj10/essentials/welcome.asp

Grading: There will be four quizzes, a Midterm Exam, and a Final Exam. The Midterm and Final will both be comprehensive, and will be based upon both quiz material and new
material. Quizzes and exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions.

**Concert Report** – You will be required to attend a live (approved) musical event in the community and submit a three-page formal paper that describes that experience.

All quiz dates, exam dates, and due date for the Concert Report are given in the calendar attached to this syllabus.

Each quiz will account for 10% of your final course grade. The Midterm and Final Exams will each contribute 25% of your final grade. The Individual Project will contribute 10% of your final grade.

**Missed Exams and Quizzes:** In the event that you miss one or more Quizzes, or the Midterm, you will be given the opportunity to make up or retake only **ONE** such quiz (or the Midterm) during the official final exam period, after you have completed the Final Exam.

In the event that you are confronted with a genuine family emergency or serious personal health issue, please discuss the matter with me as soon as possible.

**Attendance:** Since every class is essential, attendance is necessary for success. If you must miss class due to an illness or emergency, please call me, or leave a message on my voice mail prior to class. **After 1 absence,** each absence will drop your final grade 1 point.

**Tardiness:** If you are late for class, minimize your entrance and don’t disturb your classmates. Tardiness will count as ½ an absence.

**Leaving Class:** Again, it is disruptive to other students and to me. If you have a medical problem that makes it necessary for you to leave class frequently, please inform me. Leaving early will count as ½ an absence.

**Course Calendar:** The tentative calendar of course activities are given below. Quiz, Exam, and Individual Projects due dates are set, although the lecture schedule could change. I will notify you of any changes.

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**Academic Advising:** The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College's Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

**Notice to Students with Disabilities:** Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you suspect that you may have a disability (physical impairment, learning disability, psychiatric disability, etc.), please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, located in Driftwood 101, at 825-5816. If you need disability accommodations in this class, please see me as soon as possible.

**Grade Appeal Process**

- As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal.
- A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the student may take the steps below.
  1. Presentation of grievance to instructor. (This step must be taken within fourteen calendar days after the beginning of the next term.)
  2. Appeal to department chair or area coordinator.
  3. Written appeal to the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
  4. Preliminary review and advising by an ombudsman appointed by the Provost.
  5. Submission of file by department chair to the chair of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
  6. Review of file by committee chair and submission of case to committee.
  7. Proceedings of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee. (Committee holds hearing, reviews data, presents findings to all parties, and makes recommendation to Provost.)
  8. Decision by Provost.
  9. Final appeal in writing to the Provost if student or instructor thinks appropriate procedures have not been followed.

For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures.

These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.htm](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.htm).

For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.