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Understanding and Enjoying Music  
MUSI 1306.008 TR 3:30p-4:45p  
Spring 2016

Course Description

A Course for the non-music major, we will study selected music literature of contrasting styles and forms, with an emphasis on listening and understanding music. This satisfies the university core curriculum requirement in Fine Arts.

Learning Objectives

1. To understand the elements of music and how they contribute to the creation of distinctive musical styles.

2. To understand the major style periods in Western Art Music in terms of their dates, important musical styles and genres, major musical developments and principal composers.

3. To understand the social, political and economic environment of a society that influences the creation and performance of music.

4. To understand the major styles of music from Nonwestern cultures in terms of their elements, historical background and location.

5. To understand the major styles of American popular music in terms of their dates, important musical styles and genres, major musical developments and principal performers.

Major Course Requirements
Quizzes = 50%
Group Project = 10%
Concert Reflection Papers (2) = 10%
Final = 20%

Final Exams:
.001 Monday, May 9 - 8:00am - 10:30am
.008 Thursday, May 5 - 1:45pm - 4:15pm

Quizzes
Quizzes will be given periodically and without advanced notice. You may use your textbook, and any notes you have. Quizzes will not be allowed to be made up due to absence unless accompanied by a note from the doctor or University organization.

Group Assignment
You will be given 1 group assignments due at the end of the semester. As a group you will research, and present a 10 minute mini lecture over a composer of your choice. more details will be given in class.

Attendance
Attendance is crucial for both your success, and he success of the class. Excuses for absences will not be accepted except for absences required by a doctor or the university in which case written notice will be required.

Concert Reflection Papers
You will be required to attend two TAMUCC Department of Music concerts before the end of the semester, and write a one page reflection. The paper is due via Google Drive folder no later than 24 hours after the concert attended. 5 points will be deducted for every day your concert paper is turned in late.

File Name Format: Lastname_Firstname_Section
Ex: McNabb_Cassi_001

One of your two concerts MUST be the Opera Workshop’s production on either Thursday March 31, or Friday April 1 at 7:30pm in the PAC.

**Extra credit will be given for those that attend, and write reflections for more than 2 concerts.

Required and Recommended Readings

*If purchased used you must buy an access code to use the Study Space for $45.41
Course Outline

Part 1: Materials of Music
Part 2: The Middle Ages and Renaissance
Part 3: The Baroque Era
Part 4: The Classical Era
Part 5: The Romantic Era
Part 6: The Modern Era

Course Policies

When emailing me always include your full name and section number.

The music department’s attendance policy for academic courses is the following:
• You are allowed four absences from class for any reason.
• After the fifth absence, your final course grade will be lowered by one letter grade.
• Each tardy will count as ½ an absence.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in (be clear about consequences here).

Dropping a Class

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. [DATE from academic calendar] is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Classroom/professional behavior
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under
Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

**Grade Appeals**

Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamu.edu/students/studinf.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean.

**Disabilities Accommodations**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**Statement of Academic Continuity**

In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

**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. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.