MUSI 4335.001 History of Western Music I
Spring 2019

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Class Location: CA 228
Class Time: MWF 11:00-11:50 am
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Required Materials:

Prerequisite: As listed in the Undergraduate Catalogue, prior completion of MUSI 1307, MUSI 2312, MUSI 2117 and MUSI 4334 with grades of “C” or better is required to register for this course.

General Description: This course is an overview of the history of western music. The entire course is two semesters long; the first semester starts in the ancient world and ends in the seventeenth century. We will discuss theoretical structure, social and historical context, interaction with other art forms, instrumentation, etc.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will comprehend and explain different musical genres and their histories. They will discuss and compare individual composers, or instruments, or national styles, or historical periods. They will be able to hear a piece of music, or analyze a musical score, and approximate its date of composition, its instrumentation, its harmonic, rhythmic, and melodic texture, its genre, social context, and possible composer.

Grading: 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, 0-59% F

20% 5-10 Minute Tests Short tests will be given at least twice a week. These should only take about 5-10 minutes. They will be term or listening based. Information should include a thorough definition of the terms listed or if listening based, composer and dates, and stylistic traits specific to the composition and the time period. These tests will cover the readings or lecture for the past week. Proper grammar should be used. You may not make these up, so please show up. The two lowest grades will be dropped; this includes any zeros from absences.
50% Exams (4 @ 12.5% each) Exams will include essay questions, term identifications, and musical excerpts to be identified and/or described and related to additional composers and styles. If it is in your course materials or we have discussed it in class, it may be on the exam.

30% Paper There will be one research paper consisting of 20 pages in content, not including title page, bibliography, and any additional materials or illustrations in the appendix. Papers should have a minimum of ten academic sources and be double spaced in 12 pt. Calibri or Times New Roman font. More information on the papers will be distributed during the semester. Check Blackboard for assignments related to the papers.

Missed exams can only be made up with a Dr.’s note. Late papers will be reduced a letter grade per day. Papers are considered late after 5pm the day they are due.

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 removal from class.

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. You will be notified when 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:
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. 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.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

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 Driftwood 101.

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) 8255816.

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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. 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.