

Appreciation of Music – MUSC 1033 – SEC102

Midwestern State University Fall 2024 Syllabus

General Information

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Course Number: MUSC 1033

Class Time: TR 11:00 am – 12:20 pm

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Course Description

A course designed to increase the variety and depth of the student's exposure to music and to enhance understanding and enjoyment of listening to music as an art.

Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. The student will learn to actively listen to pieces of music and analyze them for a more meaningful understanding and appreciation rather than a basic emotional reaction.
2. The student will learn to identify music according to the time period in which it was written.
3. The student will learn to listen through the different elements of music and identify the important characteristics of each piece.
4. The student will learn to holistically approach music with textual, dramatic, and programmatic elements to gain a deeper understanding of the composer's intentions.

Curriculum and Materials

The required book for the course is *Take Note* by Robin Wallace. You are also required to purchase access to the interactive Dashboard that correlates with the text. The MSU bookstore should have this package available. ISBN 97801993853881.

Grading

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment and assessment.

Assignments	Points
Quizzes (6 @ 25 points/quiz)	150
Homework (6 @ 20 points/assignment)	120

Assignments	Points
Listening Journal (12 @ 30 points/submission)	360
Midterm Exam	150
Final Exam	220
Total Points	1000

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	900
B	800 to 899
C	700 to 799
D	600 to 699
F	Less than 600

Homework

Homework will be available and submitted on D2L. You must submit homework to receive access to the quizzes. There are six homework submissions every other week covering two chapters. Additionally, you must submit a weekly Listening Journal. Please see the Listening Journal description and instructions in D2L.

Quizzes

There will be six quizzes available and submitted on D2L. You must submit the homework to gain access to the quiz. Each quiz covers two chapters and is due a week later than the homework submissions for those two chapters. Quizzes will not be timed,

Mid-Term Exam

The mid-term exam is an in-class exam covering chapters 1-7.

Final Exam

The final exam is an in-person comprehensive exam, encompassing all the chapters of the book and the core repertory. In addition, the exam will include listening pieces not covered in the core repertory which you will be expected to discuss using the process of listening analysis you learned throughout the semester. The exam will be administered Tuesday, December 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Extra Credit

There is no extra credit offered in this course.

Late Work

Your work must be completed in a timely manner. All dates for homework, quizzes, and exams are published in this syllabus. No late work will be accepted unless you obtain written permission from the professor prior to the due date. Any work submitted late

without prior consent will not count toward your grade; you will receive a zero for that assignment.

Makeup Work/Tests

In case of emergencies, makeup work and tests may be requested with the appropriate supporting documentation.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: August 29, 2024. Please see [Academic Calendar](#).

Deadline to file for graduation: September 23, 2024. Please see [Academic Calendar](#).

Last Day to drop with a grade of “W:” October 9, 2024. Please see [Academic Calendar](#).

For more information, please refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all meetings of this class. Please be on time, and do not disrupt class by leaving early. If you must miss a class for any reason, you must bring appropriate supporting documentation to receive an excused absence.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking this class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online class content can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Instructor Class Policies

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty including plagiarism and giving or receiving unauthorized assistance is prohibited. Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published

or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given. If a student in the class plagiarizes material, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Honor Creed developed and adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the creed reads, "As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so." Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

In this course, the use of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT) is not permitted. If the professor of this course suspects that an assignment contains AI-generated or plagiarized content, the student will be informed by email and have 5 days to schedule meeting to discuss the content. If the student fails to respond, no credit will be given for the assignment. Two or more zeros issued for suspected academic dishonesty will result in the automatic failure of this course.

Student Conduct

Behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and assigning a final lower grade, up to and including an F. In addition, and depending on the nature of the behavior or conduct, the student(s) may be subject to further disciplinary actions as per MSU policies.

Privacy Statement

Federal privacy law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases the professor will not discuss a students' academic progress or other matters with his/her parents. Please do not have them call. Regardless of these important legal considerations, the professors' general policy is to communicate with the students, not their parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below,

two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#).

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date – All submissions due in D2L at 11:59 pm unless otherwise noted
Week 1 8/27 to 8/29	Read Chapter 1/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal	Listening Journal due 9/1
Week 2 9/3 to 9/5	Read Chapter 2/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 9/7 Homework for CH 1&2 due 9/8
Week 3 9/10 to 9/12	Read Chapter 3/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Quiz	Listening Journal due 9/14 Quiz for CH 1&2 due 9/15
Week 4 9/17 to 9/19	Read Chapter 4/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 9/21 Homework for CH 3&4 due 9/22
Week 5 9/24 to 9/27	Read Chapter 5/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Quiz	Listening Journal due 9/28 Quiz for CH 3&4 due 9/29
Week 6 10/1 to 10/3	Read Chapter 6/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 10/5 Homework for CH 5&6 due 10/6
Week 7 10/8 to 10/10	Read Chapter 7/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Quiz	Listening Journal due 10/12 Quiz for CH 5&6 due 10/13

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Week 8 10/15 to 10/17	Review/Midterm Exam on 10/17	Midterm Exam on 10/17 during class
Week 9 10/22 to 10/24	Read Chapter 8/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 10/26 Homework for CH 7&8 due 10/27
Week 10 10/29 to 10/31	Read Chapter 9/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Quiz	Listening Journal due 11/2 Quiz for CH 7&8 due 11/3
Week 11 11/5 to 11/7	Read Chapter 10/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 11/9 Homework for CH 9&10 due 11/10
Week 12 11/12 to 11/14	Read Chapter 11/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Quiz	Listening Journal due 11/16 Quiz for CH 9&10 due 11/17
Week 13 11/19 to 11/21	Read Chapter 12/Complete 3 entries in Listening Journal/Homework	Listening Journal due 11/23 Homework for CH 11&12 due 11/24
Week 14 11/26	Quiz/Flex Week	Quiz for CH 11&12 due 12/1
Week 15 12/3 to 12/5	Review	
Final Exam 12/10	Tuesday, December 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm	