



Course Syllabus: Appreciation of Music

College of Fine Arts

MUSC 1033 – X10

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Instructor Response Policy

I will make every attempt to respond to email and phone messages in a timely manner. If you email me at 5:00 pm on Friday, I will not promise to get back to you until Monday morning unless it is an emergency.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

OnMusicExploration (\$79.95 as of 8/19/22)

Are all available through the course website.

Go to: [OnMusic Explorations - Connect For Education \(connect4education.com\)](https://connect4education.com)

Or, access cards are available in the campus bookstore for purchase.

**Please use your official MSU Texas email address when registering for the site

Course Description

A course designed to increase the variety and depth of the student's exposure to music and to enhance better understanding and enjoyment of music as an art. Offered as traditional music appreciation or jazz/rock music appreciation.

This is a semi self-paced course with deadlines. Please pay close attention to the deadlines!

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes/Course Competencies

1. To become familiar with musical terminology
2. To become familiar with structure and form
3. To be able to identify selected major works
4. To investigate unique characteristics and differences of each style period and of major composers

Online Course Technical Support

Technical support for this course is provided through Connect 4 Education. If you are having technical problems you must first contact support by clicking "Technical Support" on the tab to the left, or at support@connect4education.com or the Student Support website. Support can also be reached at 703-880-1180 x200 if you would prefer to speak to a technician by phone. Support Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 6PM Eastern Time.

Technical problems are not an excuse for incomplete or late work. It is the students' responsibility to make sure that the computer they choose to use for this course is in good working condition and meets the website requirements. If a student's personal computer is not working, it is expected that the student will find one that is working. Both PC and Mac users must have the latest version of Flash player working on their computers. The website can be operated through Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, or Safari.

Time Zone requirements

Students are expected to complete all quizzes, exams, assignments and projects by 11:59 pm Central Standard Time. Even if a student is currently living in a time zone other than Central Time, their assignments are still due by 11:59 pm Central Standard Time. Please take note of the differences between your time zone and Central Time Zone

Learning Modules

There are added learning modules to help students better understand the reading and listening materials. First, complete the reading and listening assignments. Be sure to try out the "Test Yourself," the "Discover Video," "Keywords," "Artist Profile," and other modules.

Study Hours and Tutoring Assistance

Tutoring is available to Distance education Students. Please contact Dr. Bunch, Assistant Director of TASP, if you need access to online tutoring through D2L.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [2022-2023 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

Grading/Assessment

Assignments	Points
Quizzes (10 at 20 pts each)	200
Discussions (4 at 50 pts each)	200
Group Project	150
Midterm Exam	100
Reflection Paper (Listening Assignment)	150
Final Exam (Concert Review)	200
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

Quizzes

There will be 10 required quizzes to check your knowledge of content addressed in this course. All quizzes are open from the first day of class and will have due dates. Quizzes will close on that date and will no longer be available to take. All quizzes are due by 11:59 pm on the date assigned. *Keep in mind that the practice questions, found under the "Test Yourself" section in the reading are very similar to the questions on the quizzes and make for good practice

Group Project (Teamwork)

Teamwork is behaviors under the control of individual team members (effort they put into team tasks, their manner of interacting with others on team, and the quantity and quality of contributions they make to team discussions.)

There will be a separate "group project" module embedded into the course with all relevant information regarding rubrics, topics, group assignments, and assessment of the project.

Grading for this project will be based on the Team Work Value Rubric Two grades will be necessary in this assessment: my grading of your work (up to 100 pts) and your combined grading of each other (up to 50 pts). In each case, the Rubric will be followed.

Exams

There are two major exams for this course, a Midterm and a Final Exam. The midterm covers lessons 1-20, consists of 80 questions and you will have 2 hours to complete the exam on the course website. The final will be a concert review which will be discussed in detail in a different section.

Discussions

There will be 4 discussions required in this course in an effort to create community and to have the opportunity to talk about music. We will have the following discussion topics:

1. Introduction – we will introduce ourselves, identify our previous musical backgrounds (were you in band, choir, sing in the shower...)
2. What is the Performer's Role in Music?
3. Elvis
4. World Music – What do you think? Does music from other countries influence what we hear today? Etc.

You will be required to have an original post (all about you) and respond to at least 3 other student posts. Point breakdown:

Original post = 10 points

3 responses to other's post = 30 points

Timeliness points (your Original post is made prior to the date listed in the discussion prompt) = 10 points

(If you wait until the last minute, other students will not have the ability to post to you and you will lose points!)

Final Exam

Your final exam in this class will be a Concert review. This will be a 2-4-page written concert review. Specific information regarding this assignment will be available in the Final Exam module. Keep in mind that I would prefer a live concert; however, in some instances, a full online concert will be accepted. I will have all requirements available in the module so that you can plan ahead. Proof of attendance will be required.

Schedule of Assignments

Please refer to the course homepage for a full schedule of assignments, quizzes, and exams.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: **August 25, 2022** Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Deadline to file for graduation: **September 26, 2022**

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" **October 24, 2022**. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

D2L houses the syllabus for class. However, most assignments and all quizzes, are embedded in the textbook. The "textbook" (C4E) is new to me and I will let you know where to submit each assignment as I learn the application.

Attendance

This is an online course and attendance will not be taken on a daily basis; however, announcements will be made and there could be schedule changes so please check in often!

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online 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 classes can be accessed from any computer in the world that 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](#).

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

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 MSU TEXAS Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

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](#).

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.](#)"

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. 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.

Course Schedule:

I will upload the course schedule separately.