

**Midwestern State University – Fain College of Fine Arts
Western and World Music History Syllabus – Fall 2021**

Course Number - MUSC 2733
Course Section - X11
Course Meetings – Online (MTWTHF)

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Course Description: Introduction to Western and World Music History is a course designed to familiarize you with music in its numerous purposes and guises in a variety of settings, most specifically cultural, historical, and functional. You will develop an understanding of the music making (creation and performance) of others in diverse cultures.

Learning Goals: the student who passes this course will be able to:

1. Identify, recognize, and describe general stylistic characteristics of music using accepted musical terminology
2. Accurately place a musical work within an historical, cultural, or stylistic context
3. Distinguish similarities and differences in musical characteristics among art, folk, and world music traditions
4. Understand and categorize how music functions in different historical cultures from antiquity to 1700
5. Understand and appreciate the functions of music in society as cultural, religious, ceremonial, inspirational, and recreational

Textbook:

OnMusic of the World (ISBN:978-0-9991160-6-7)

– Available through Connect for Education.

To obtain online access to the course visit this site:

<https://store.connect4education.com/product/onmusic-of-the-world-3rd-edition/?dids=2>

Once you have purchased the course on the site above, you will receive an access number. Once you receive the access number, please visit this site:

<https://register.c4edu.org/>. You must register using your access number indicating MSU as your school, Hammel as instructor, and *OnMusic of the World* as the course

1. When you have been added the course, I will receive an email from the company.

2. If you need assistance in this process, please email:
support@connect4education.com

Course Assignments and Deadlines:

All Assignments are due no later than midnight on the Saturday that ends the week. For example, the first week of class shows an assignment for Monday, August 23. The 'leeway' in that deadline is that it must absolutely be completed no later than Saturday, August 28 at midnight. There will be no further extensions, exceptions or delays in submitting assignments. Any assignments not completed by the Saturday evening at midnight corresponding to that week, will immediately become a 0. *The 0 grade will not be changed under any circumstances.* Please be sure to complete all work for the week no later than Saturday evening at midnight.

Class assignments are generally divided into daily portions for each week to closely align with assignments if the class were meeting in person five times per week. This is a three credit class and the work load will be the same as a class that meets in person. The only difference is that you have the time each week to set your own study and assignment completion schedule rather than having a set class on MTWTHF.

Course Evaluation:

90-100-A
80-89-B
70-79-C
60-69-D
59- F

Weekly Assignments and Quizzes: 46% Total

Midterm and Final Exam: 27% Each

How to be successful in the class:

In an online class setting, timely and active participation is one of the most important aspects of the course. Understanding the concepts requires practice and discipline to complete all class assignments on a regular basis. **A lot of hard and intense work is expected! It is estimated that students will have to spend as much as 9-12 hours or more each week for this class. When completing the assignments you may have questions, and could need the instructor's guidance. I will be happy to help. However, start your work EARLY; otherwise I will be unable to reply on time to help you.** Use common sense, if you want to reach me on Saturday night or Sunday morning it is likely that I will not be available and I may not respond on time. If you need my help or feedback, it is your responsibility to contact me no less than 48 hours before the pertinent due date, so I can provide you with timely feedback or help.

All students are encouraged to use the writing center if assistance is needed on

writing the reading and listening reports. The MSU Writing Lab located in 224 Bea Wood. Writing tutors will not edit your papers for you, but they will provide you with specific suggestions for improving your writing. Alternatively, instructions to use this service for online courses can be found at:

<http://www.mwsu.edu/writingcenter/online-tutoring>

Other examples for a faculty initiated drop with a grade of F (or given a final grade of F without being dropped) include, but are not limited to, Academic Dishonesty, as described in the appropriate university policies referenced in this syllabus under *Academic Dishonesty and Student Honor Creed*, poor performance in the class, absenteeism, or disruptive conduct, as specified below. The instructor may use, at his discretion, the options of an Academic Drop as outlined in the Student Handbook policies. A student dropped by a faculty member for the reasons defined above has the right to a timely appeal by the Student Conduct Committee through the Dean of Student's Office.

Academic Changes:

The instructor reserves the right to adjust or cancel grading ranges, assignments, reports, projects, exams, assignments dates, due dates, and other as the course progresses; and to modify, extend, or correct the present syllabus by providing students with a three days' notice, or shorter in case of emergencies.

Academic Dishonesty and Student Honor Creed:

The university policy and procedures for academic dishonesty are outlined in the current Student Handbook in Appendix E. No cheating, collusion, or plagiarism will be tolerated in this class. Any student engaging in an academic dishonest act will be sanctioned appropriately.

Enrollment in this class constitutes an acceptance to adhere to the Student Honor Creed and all other student conduct policies outlined in the university Student Handbook. <http://www.mwsu.edu/student-life/conduct/index>

<http://mwsu.edu/Assets/documents/student-life/2013-14%20Student%20Handbook.pdf>

Conduct statement:

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's removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and receive a final lower grade, up to and including an F.

Electronic communication imposes a higher threshold of civility, responsiveness, and clarity. Students that engage in uncivil, untimely, or inappropriate communication may be sanctioned at the instructor's discretion, with penalties that may include lowering of the student's grade, up to and including an F.

Disability Statement and Special Needs:

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 contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 397-4140.

Social Justice:

Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's core values, and the professor considers the classroom a place where students are treated with respect as human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Moreover, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided the students can agree to disagree. The professor's expectation is that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Campus Carry:

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the university's webpage at <https://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

Privacy Statement:

Midwestern State University adheres to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Accordingly, and for the purposes of this class, the instructor is limited in his ability to discuss or release student's academic progress records and information to outside parties, and only as permitted by law.

Core Class Requirement:

The present class is part of the MSU core curriculum in the area of creative arts. As part of the assessment required in this class the following areas will be evaluated using the different assignments, tests, and activities: critical thinking, communication skills, teamwork, and social responsibility.