

Music Appreciation: Course Syllabus



Music Appreciation: The Enjoyment of Listening

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Music is part of everyday lives and reflects the spirit of our human condition. To know and understand music, we distinguish and identify cultures on local and global levels. This course will provide students with an aesthetic and historical perspective of music, covering a variety of styles and developments from the Middle Ages through the Twentieth First Century. Students will acquire basic knowledge and listening skills, making future music experiences more informed and satisfying.

Unit 1: The Elements of Music

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Learn about the basic elements of music.**
- * **Examine pitch and melody and their roles in a piece of music.**
- * **Discuss some of the notations and language used to distinguish rhythm in a piece of music.**
- * **Consider dynamics and its effect on music.**
- * **Investigate form in music and how this involves the other elements of music.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Elements of Music: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
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The Elements of Music: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz – The Elements of Music	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 2: Pop Music

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Examine the relationship between popular music and pop music.**
- * **Discuss the characteristics that help define pop music.**
- * **Consider how technological advances helped shape pop music.**
- * **Investigate the history and development of pop music.**
- * **Discuss the current status of pop music.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Pop Music: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Pop Music: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz – Pop Music	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 3: Ancient Music

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Learn about the history of music before the Middle Ages.
- * Discuss the role of music in ancient societies.
- * Investigate the styles of music that were present before the Middle Ages.
- * Examine what musical instruments were used in ancient times.
- * Trace the development of music through the Middle Ages.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Ancient Music: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Ancient Music: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 3 Quiz – Ancient Music

Quiz

15 points

Unit 4: Renaissance Music**Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Understand the Renaissance and its relationship to the music of this time period.**
- * **Discuss the effects of music on society.**
- * **Describe some of the instruments that were developed during this period.**
- * **Discuss some of the characteristics of Renaissance music and the forms of music composed.**
- * **Talk about a few of the influential composers of Renaissance music.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

Renaissance Music: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Renaissance Music: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – Renaissance Music	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Music Appreciation Midterm Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- * **Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Music Appreciation Midterm Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Midterm Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 5: The Baroque Period

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Discuss the transition from earlier forms of music to music of the Baroque period.**
- * **Analyze the changes that this period made to Western music.**
- * **Discuss opera and how it developed.**
- * **List some of the composers and musicians during this time period.**
- * **Trace the development of music during the Baroque Period.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Baroque Period: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Baroque Period: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz – The Baroque Period	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Unit 6: The Classical Era

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * **Examine the changes in music during the Classical Era.**
- * **Discuss the musical forms, such as sonatas, that were popular.**
- * **Learn about the common features of music from the Classical Era.**
- * **Investigate some of the composers from this period.**
- * **Trace the development of music during the Classical Era.**

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Classical Era: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
The Classical Era: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 6 Quiz – The Classical Era	Quiz	15 points

Unit 7: The Romantic Period

Objectives:

- * Examine the music of the Romantic Period and how it differs from earlier music.
- * Discuss the features and characteristics of music from this period.
- * Learn about some of the composers and musicians from this time period.
- * Investigate the role of music in society during this time period.
- * Trace the development of music during the Romantic Period.

ASSIGNMENTS:

The Romantic Period: Unit Text Questions	Homework	10 points
The Romantic Period: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz – The Romantic Period	Quiz	15 points

Unit 8: Jazz

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Investigate the musical traditions that combined in jazz.
- * Discuss the characteristics and features of jazz music.
- * Examine improvisation and its role in jazz music.
- * Learn about some of the musicians who helped to develop jazz.
- * Trace the development of jazz during the twentieth century.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Jazz: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Jazz: Online Music Appreciation Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz – Jazz	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

Music Appreciation Final Exam

Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- * Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.

*** Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

ASSIGNMENT:

Music Appreciation Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points