**Syllabus:** Music Appreciation
**Course Number:** MUSI 1306
**Instructor Information**

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**Textbook Information**

**Music: An Appreciation**, Roger Kamien. 8th Edition, McGraw Hill.

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**Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

1. Identify musical works and elements in a variety of styles.

2. Analyze the elements and structures of music using appropriate terminology.

3. Critically evaluate the influence of social, political, technological, and/or cultural ideas on music.

4. Articulate the significance of music as an art form within historical, cultural and social contexts

**Student Requirements for Completion of the Course**

1. Students will complete a thorough study of the text and recordings

2. Students will take unit tests on the various eras of music

3. Students will attend 4 live concerts and write 4 concert reports

4. Students will complete homework assignments as assigned

5. Students may be asked to do classroom presentations

**Student Assessment**

Grades will be a combination of unit quiz grades, test grades, concert report grades and any classroom presentations grades.

**Grading Scale**

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| **Grade**  |  |
| **A** | 90-100 |
| **B** | 80-89 |
| **C** | 70-79 |
| **D** | 60-69 |
| **F** | 59-below |

**Class Schedule**

The class will cover ten units (chapters) over the course of a full school year. Each unit study has been designed to correspond with the 6 weeks grading period at the high school with the class meeting every other day for one and a half hours each day. Every student should expect several quizzes throughout the year with a test at the end of each chapter. Concert reports are due as specified in the yearly calendar.

**Make-up Policy**

**If you miss a quiz or a test and you were present the previous class day you will be expected to make up the quiz or test before the end of the next scheduled class meeting.**

**Class Rules**

Class rules ensure the best possible learning environment and a climate of respect for one another.

**1. Cell phones are for emergency use only. No phones allowed on desk tops.** Students will be asked to put their phone away or leave the room while conducting their business. **Please follow school policy.**

**2. No food or drink in class except bottled water.**

**3. Students will not talk when the teacher or another student is talking.**  Students who carry on private discussions which distract or interrupt the class will be warned and then separated. If the behavior continues and the student becomes a detriment to the class the student may be dropped.

**4. Students who use foul language or inappropriate speech such as threats, hate speech or bullying will be asked to leave and then may be dropped.**

**Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, col­lusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”.

**Disability Act Statement**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3349, or go by the Palmer Memorial Library for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations..

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

**Attendance**

Attendance is extremely important to success in Music Appreciation; indeed any course, and grades always reflect the level of discipline in this regard. **This class will follow the guidelines outlined in the official TC/TISD Absentee Policy.**

**ABSENTEE POLICY**Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If you find that due to unforeseen events that class attendance might become an issue please contact your instructor.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student’s absence from class.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student’s current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.