



Syllabus: Music Appreciation

Course Number: MUSI 1306

Semester & Year: 2021-2022

Instructor Information

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Textbook Information – FREE ONLINE RESOURCE. Access as needed, or download on your computer: <https://oertx.highered.texas.gov/courses/understanding-music-past-and-present/view>

(Printed copies also available at TC Bookstore for \$26.15)

Course Description: Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements, illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. Course does not apply to a music major degree.

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 and Due Dates

1. Students will complete a thorough study of the text, class notes, and recordings.
2. Students will take unit tests on the elements of music and the various eras of music.
3. Students will watch two (2) live or online/virtual concerts and write two (2) concert reports.
4. Students will complete homework and classwork assignments as required.
5. Students will be asked to participate in classroom discussion.

Student Assessment

Grades will be a combination of test grades (70%), concert report grades (20%), and class participation (10%). Additional satisfactory written concert reports might count towards improvement on final grade. Grading is NOT based on musical ability or talent. The focus of this course is learning about music, not doing it.

Grading Scale

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

Class Schedule

Students will cover a unit every 4-5 weeks and will be tested at the end of the unit. The first concert report will be due no later than Friday, December 3rd. Second concert report will be due no later than Friday, April 29th.

Attendance Policy

The usual attendance policy of TC is that a student may be dropped from a class if he/she has missed more than 2 weeks worth of class *for any reason*. Attendance is extremely important to success in Music Appreciation. Please contact your instructor about any absences.

Make-up Policy

Contact the instructor about making up classes or assignments.

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".

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

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 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building 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.

Tonja Blase, Director of Retention and Disability Services

Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website (www.texarkanacollege.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

COVID-1 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

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.

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blasé, Director of Student Retention, at 903.823.3349 for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX, 75599, (903) 823-3017, human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu

Computer Requirement Policy:

Students are required to have a computer with Internet access for classes. The computer must be an actual computer – smart phones, iPads, Androids, Chromebooks, etc., are not acceptable substitutes because they lack software compatibility necessary to complete all assignments and tests. Financial costs for the necessary equipment and internet access are the responsibility of the student.



Students needing to purchase a computer may do so through the Texarkana College Bookstore. Systems purchased through the bookstore meet or exceed all requirements, are competitively priced, and may be purchased using financial aid funds. If the system is purchased through another source, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the system meets all requirements.

Computer systems requirements:

- Webcam, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Windows 10 or a recent version of Mac OS (minimum Sierra). Windows 10 S mode is not supported
- Hardware capable of running Microsoft Teams (free download) and supports multi-media playback
- Support for Chrome or Microsoft Edge – Note: Firefox, Safari, or other browsers may not work on all TC applications
- Able to run Microsoft Office which will be provided free to TC students
- Adobe Reader or another PDF viewer
- Antivirus software such as Windows Defender or another 3rd party anti-virus solution
- The Respondus Lockdown browser is used for taking tests; therefore, the system must be capable of running this software. Most newer systems that meet other specifications should work.

Students should regularly backup content to prevent loss of coursework due to hardware failure. Backup copies of documents and other coursework may be placed on OneDrive cloud storage. OneDrive is included free of charge for all TC students.

A list of Internet service providers can be found on the TC website at:
<https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus/>.

COVID -19 Protocols for Exposure

At Texarkana College, our mission is to advance our community through attainable higher education and lifelong learning. We cannot fulfill our mission without our most important resource: people. Our top priority is to provide a working and learning environment that is safe and reassuring to those who are the most vulnerable among us. This plan represents a gradual, phased approach to return to work or class on the TC campus as safely as possible.

I was around someone who tested positive to COVID-19. Now what?

Some very important questions need to be asked if you were around someone who tested positive for COVID-19...

- Were you within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes?
- Have you provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19?
- Did you have direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, etc.)?
- Did you share eating or drinking utensils?
- Did they sneeze, cough, or somehow get respiratory droplets on you?
- Are you feeling symptomatic?

Remember, the wearing of face masks, frequent hand sanitization, and social distancing has proven to significantly decrease the likelihood of transferring COVID-19.



If you answered YES to any or all the questions above, it is recommended that you...

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19

Special note for Healthcare Workers and Emergency Responders

*In your workplace setting, you may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. You may continue to come to campus IF you maintained all protocols required by your employer so long as those protocols include the mandatory wearing of PPE.