

Music Appreciation - MUSL 1324 - CRN 21678
TR 10:30am-11:50am FFA room 402
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Course Objectives:

Through the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Listen deeply to, describe, and discuss music in the Western classical tradition using proper musical terminology.
2. Discover some of the styles and genres in this tradition.
3. Discern some of the ways in which music and culture are intimately connected.
4. Develop writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills.

Required Texts:

Wright, Craig. Listening to Music, 8th ed. Cengage Publishing

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Instructor : Cara Luffey Start Date : 01/17/2017

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Payment

After registering for your course, you will need to pay for access using one of the options below: Online: You can pay online using a credit or debit card, or PayPal.

Bookstore: You may be able to purchase access to MindTap at your bookstore. Check with the bookstore to find out what they offer for your course.

Free Trial: If you are unable to pay at the start of the semester you may choose to access MindTap until 11:59 PM on 01/31/2017 during your free trial. After the free trial ends you will be required to pay for access.

Please note: At the end of the free trial period, your course access will be suspended until your payment has been made. All your scores and course activity will be saved and will be available to you after you pay for access.

If you already registered an access code or bought MindTap online, the course key to register for this course is: MTPQP5KP 87VH

System Check

To check whether your computer meets the requirements for using MindTap, go to

<http://ng.cengage.com/static/browsercheck/index.html>

Please Note: the System Check is also accessible in the drop down box next to your name located in the upper right corner of your MindTap page.

I suggest that you purchase the 6 months access to the ebook.

This includes the MindTap feature which has musical examples and helpful listening guides embedded in the text. Students in previous classes have had issues accessing music in MindTap in Mexico. If you live or do your studying across the border, check with me as there may be a work around for this semester. You can also purchase a physical copy of the book and recordings (available in the UTEP bookstore).

IMPORTANT: You need to have access to the musical recordings that come with the textbook. The physical copies of this book come with an access code inside that lets you listen to the recordings on the internet. If you buy just any used copy, the previous owner will probably have already used the access code, and you will not be able to hear the music, and will have thrown your money away! Be wary of used books!

Required Work:

1. **Guiding Questions** - These will consist of reading a short excerpt from the textbook or an outside resource in addition to studying the corresponding recordings in the textbook. They are due most class periods and should be physically handed in at the beginning of class. Late work will not be accepted. These assignments can be typed or hand written (but must be legible) and composed in complete sentences. Questions will be posted on Blackboard under assignments.
2. **Tests** - There will be a midterm and a final. Tests will consist of identifying specific pieces from the textbook and lectures, identifying specific elements of music, and historical material from the reading and lecture.

Class final will take place on:

Thursday, May 11th, 10:00 am – 12:45 pm

Midterm and final exams cannot be made-up unless you have **written documentation** showing an illness, surgery or death in the family, or vehicle accident that you were involved in (must present the police report).

3. **Concert Reports** - Students will attend two Classical music performances throughout the semester and compose descriptive essays on their concert experience.

Grading:

Guiding Questions: 40% of final grade

Tests: 30% of final grade

Concert Reports: 30% of final grade

Grading Scale: 90-100%= A; 80-89% = B; 70-79% = C; 60-69% = D; below 60% = F

EMAIL:

The most effective way to communicate with the professor is through UTEP or Blackboard email. When composing email for this course, you must do the following:

1. Include your course number and first and last name in the SUBJECT line as follows:
MUSL 1324; Jane Smith
2. Indicate the specific assignment in the body of your email.
3. Conclude the email with your full name.

Classroom Conduct:

By enrolling in this course, the student agrees to abide by the following rules. Violating one or more of these rules may result in the lowering of the student's grade or the removal of the student from the course through an administrative drop.

1. No talking during the professor's lecture or student presentations.
2. All electronic devices (**cell phones**, MP3 players, etc.) are prohibited in class.
3. Use of internet is prohibited – laptops are allowed only to facilitate note taking.

Additional Expectations:

It is expected that all students know and adhere to university policies regarding conduct, behavior, and academic integrity (anti-plagiarism policy).

Disabilities Statement:

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.