

SYLLABUS: Music Appreciation

MUSL 1324 - University of Texas at El Paso

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See blackboard and email for more information.

Course Objectives:

1. To listen deeply, describe, and discuss live musical events.
2. To discover some of the infinite variety of styles and genres in classical music.
3. To analyze the process of musical performance production, from rehearsal to finished concert.
4. To create music with others by performing basic melodies from canonical pieces.
5. To discern some of the ways in which music and culture are intimately connected.
6. To develop information literacy, writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills.

Some Important Course Policies in a Nutshell:

(Explained in greater detail throughout the syllabus)

- Late work is not accepted
- Due dates are on the Course Calendar
- Check your email regularly
- Computer and constant internet are required during online periods
- This class takes 3-6 hours per week
- You will need to attend 2 concerts
- You need a smartphone, tablet, or laptop in class

Required Texts:

NONE! 😊

Recommended: Randel, Don Michael, ed. *Harvard Concise Dictionary of Music and Musicians*.
Cambridge: Belknap Press, 2002.

Class Requirements

Workload will vary, but you should plan on spending roughly 3-6 hours per week on assignments. **If you do not have 3-6 hours per week to dedicate to this class, you should not be in it.**

Concert Attendance

Attending 2 concerts is required for concert reports in this class. These concerts are free for UTEP students. These events are marked on the course calendar and will take place in the evening at the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall.

Technology Requirement

Students will regularly use electronic piano keyboards for in-class activities. Students may use any software, or phone app; there are many free options. Students are welcome to use phones, tablets, laptops, or even an electronic instrument. Any device with speakers is fine. Alternately, students who play an instrument are welcome to bring and use that. To avoid class cancellations during instructor travel, class may sometimes be held online. During online periods, access to a computer and reliable internet is required. Contact the UTEP technology center if you need to check out equipment for the semester.

Regarding Deadlines

In this course, you are expected to develop professional skills, including, but not limited to: coping with conflicts between your personal, work, and school life, planning your week's schedule in advance, practicing clear email communication, and submitting work on time. Familiarize yourself with due dates for major projects and quizzes at the beginning of the semester. Let the instructor know in the first week of the semester if you foresee any legitimate conflicts with these dates. Unless you have a legitimate emergency and inform your instructor either immediately before, or after an assignment is due, all deadlines are final.

Personal scheduling conflicts, including work schedules, do not qualify for assignment extensions. If you have a busy and unpredictable personal schedule, you need to complete work in advance to avoid missed deadlines.

Attendance Policy

- If you are sick, do not come to class. Contact the instructor via email.
- If you are not sick, you must come to class during in-person teaching periods.
- 3 non-emergency absences are allowed without grade penalty.
- After the 3rd unexcused absence the student's final grade will go down 2% per unexcused absence
 - So 4 unexcused absences would mean a loss of 2%, 5 would mean 4% etc.
- It is your responsibility every day to either make sure you are marked present with i-clicker, or to speak with the instructor after class. Otherwise, you will be marked as absent for the day.

A Finite Number of Emergencies

Extensions may be granted in extreme emergency situations. No student will be granted more than 3 emergency extensions in a semester. Emergency extensions will not be granted covering more than 3 weeks. Students with problems that extend beyond these conditions

should contact the registrar for an emergency medical withdrawal from the semester:
<https://www.utep.edu/student-affairs/registrar/>

Your Grade

Quizzes and Discussion Boards: 75%

Essays: 15%

Tests: 10%

100-90% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

Below 60% = F

Knowing Your Grade: I find the blackboard grading program overly complex and inconsistent, so I will not calculate grades on that website. You will see grades for individual assignments under the “my grades,” but your current and final grade are calculated on my computer, not on blackboard. You will receive regular, automatically generated grade updates to your UTEP email.

Academic Honor Policy

The state of Texas has particularly harsh punishments for Academic Honor transgressions, so think very carefully before breaking any of the rules listed here. Plagiarism is not tolerated in the course. Suspected cases of plagiarism will be immediately submitted for disciplinary action. Refer to the Student Conduct Guide for further information
<http://sa.utep.edu/osccr/academic-integrity/>

To Summarize:

- **You must put information you’ve researched into your own words. It cannot be exactly copied from your sources unless it is properly cited and clearly in quotes.**
 - This includes outline assignments. When outlining an article, you need to concisely summarize it. You cannot copy exactly what is written anywhere and put it into an outline without quotes.
- All information not completely original to your own experience must be cited correctly.
- Do not copy other people’s work.
- You cannot invent historical facts, but you can have opinions.
- All work for this course must be original to this course. You cannot turn in assignments you’ve written for another class.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities will be made. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Support services Office. CASS can be reached in the following ways: <http://sa.utep.edu/cass/> 915-747-5148, or via email, cass@utep.edu.