

MUSL 1327, Jazz to Rock Fall 2020, CRN 17657 (Online)

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Required materials:

- **Cengage Unlimited** (ebook access) - Click the reading links in Module 1 and follow the steps to purchase CENGAGE UNLIMITED. You can also purchase cengage unlimited from the UTEP bookstore. You must create your own account using your UTEP credentials.
- **Cengage Mindtap** – Our course uses Mindtap, which is an interactive ebook. There are two Mindtaps for our course. One for Jazz, and one for Rock. Both Mindtaps will be accessible by purchasing Cengage Unlimited.
- **ACCESS THE COURSE MINDTAPS ONLY BY CLICKING ON THE LINKS IN OUR BLACKBOARD SHELL.**
- A computer with internet access. The assignments for this course are completed online. Students must have access to a computer with a reliable internet connection. High Speed is highly recommended as we will be listening to streaming MP3s. Please use Google Chrome, and do NOT use internet explorer.

Course Modules: The course is presented in 10 modules in blackboard. Please pay attention to the dates when each module will be available. The assignments in each module will be due at 11:59pm on the last day of each module. After a module has closed, all incomplete assignments within those modules will count as zeroes.

JAZZ MODULES ASSIGNMENT DATES

- Module 1: August 24 – September 6
Assignments due: Jazz Quizzes 1-2, Blackboard Listening Quiz 1
- Module 2: September 6 – September 13
Assignments due: Jazz Quizzes 3-4, Blackboard Listening Quiz 2, Jazz Essay 1

- Module 3: September 13 – September 20
Assignments due: Jazz Quiz 5-6, Blackboard Listening Quiz 3
- Module 4: September 20 – September 27
Assignments due: Jazz Quizzes 7-8, Jazz Essay 2
- Module 5: September 27 – October 11
Assignments due: Jazz Quizzes 9-10, Jazz Concert Report, Discussion 1

ROCK MODULES ASSIGNMENT DATES

- Module 6: October 18 – October 25
Assignments due: Rock Quizzes 1-2, Blackboard Listening Quiz 4
- Module 7: October 25 – November 1
Assignments due: Rock Quizzes 3-4, Blackboard Listening Quiz 5, Rock Essay 1
- Module 8: November 1 – November 8
Assignments due: Rock Quizzes 5-6, Blackboard Listening Quiz 6
- Module 9: November 8 – November 15
Assignments due: Rock Quizzes 7-8, Rock Essay 2
- Module 10: November 15 – November 29
Assignments due: Rock Quizzes 9-10, Rock Concert Report, Discussion 2

Grading: To access blackboard, go to my.utep.edu, login, then click the Blackboard icon. If you are registered for the course, on the first day of the semester, you should see our course listed under ‘courses’. Assignment due dates directly correspond with the module availability dates.

The final grade will be determined by the following:

- Chapter Quizzes (35%): (EBook site) There will be 20 multiple-choice quizzes given throughout the semester based on your reading. The quizzes range from 20-40 questions. The quizzes are set for two attempts. The highest score of the two attempts will count. You have 60 minutes to complete each quiz.
- Essay Questions (20%): (Blackboard) There are 4 essay prompts posted on blackboard during the semester. 2 for Jazz and 2 for Rock. Specific instructions are located in the blackboard modules.
- Video Concert Reports (15%): (Blackboard) Students will watch concerts and write reports on

them. Follow the specific instructions located in the course blackboard homepage.

- Blackboard Listening Quizzes (15%): (Blackboard) This assignment is set for 4 attempts and the highest grade will count. Each attempt must be completed in one sitting. If you log out during the quiz, the attempt will close and you will have to use another attempt.
- Discussion Board Posts (15%): (Blackboard) There are 2 discussion board assignments in the course. You will find them in the modules as the semester progresses. For the discussions, you must create your own thread of 300 words, and then respond to two other threads by your peers with 100 words each. Read the full instructions as you come across these discussion during the semester.

Course Description: A History of American popular music focusing on the development of Jazz and Rock music in the 20th Century.

Course Prerequisite: none.

Course Objective: The course objective is to give students an understanding of how popular music developed in the United States, and advance their appreciation of the music. Lessons focus on historical content and developing listening skills.

Course Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify key developments in modern popular music.
2. Identify key styles in modern popular music.
3. Identify key artists in modern popular music.
4. Identify key components of listening examples, including instruments used, basic elements of form, and approximate time period of the example.

Course Policies:

Statements on Academic Honesty and Accessibility are posted at:

<http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm>; <http://www.utep.edu/dsso>

Office: 403 Fox Fine Arts Center, ext 6627. I will be available in my office by email appointment, but most questions should be resolved by email.

Accommodations: 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.