

# SYLLABUS

## Music Appreciation (MUSC 1100)

Fall 2009

82047-section 3 (9:30am-10:45am)

81022-section 2 (3:30pm-4:45pm)

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### 1) **Required Materials:**

- Text: *Introduction to Music*. Ronald Pen (1992)
- i-Clicker transmitter
- CourseDen access

2) **Course Vision:** To promote an understanding of the in-depth nature of music, develop a sensitivity and appreciation for all types of music, and to challenge ones existing thoughts regarding music and personal music preference.

### 3) **Course Skills:**

- a) Discuss and define music and describe its significance in society
- b) Developed listening skills
- c) Develop an understanding of music elements: Melody, Harmony, Rhythm, Form, Texture and Timbre
- d) Develop an understanding of instruments/voices and their respective ensembles
- e) Make critical judgments regarding musical style utilizing concepts presented.

### 4) **Course Topics:**

- a) Form
- b) Harmony
- c) Instruments and Ensembles
- d) Listening to Music
- e) Melody
- f) Musical Styles and Periods
- g) Rhythm and Meter
- h) Society and Music
- i) Texture and acoustics
- j) Identifying Styles
- k) Timbre
- l) What is Music?

**5) Course Grading (1000 Points):**

- a) Exams (3@150) 450
- b) Listening/Projects/Quizzes 200
- c) Topical Online discussions (5@20) 100
- d) Live Performances (4@25) 100
- e) Final 150

Final Grades: 890+ points=**A**; 800+=at least **B**; 710+=at least **C**; 600+=at least **D**; less than 600=**F**

6) **Live Concerts:** The UWG Department of Music and other organizations present many live concerts during the semester, which offer a much different experience over recorded music. Therefore, four (4) live concerts must be attended. See policies below for more information.

7) **CourseDen:** We will use UWG CourseDen as a supplement. Course announcements, schedule, grades, and other information will be posted. Many assignments and quizzes will be completed through CourseDen only as well as online discussions. Please be sure to sign-in to CourseDen to learn your way around.

8) **Final Exam (comprehensive):** Dec. 8, 2009

## COURSE POLICIES

1. Attend Live Performances: Plan to attend 4 live music concerts. These concerts are to be of a non-pop nature (i.e. Classical and Jazz). A list of pre-approved concerts will be made available on CourseDen. Other concerts may be acceptable with prior approval from the instructor. A proctor will be present at pre-approved concerts to distribute attendance slips BEFORE the concert and to collect attendance slips AFTER the concert. Credit is given only for concerts attended in entirety. Events get canceled! Double check the status of events before making special arrangements to attend. Showing up for a canceled event does NOT earn credit. You must exhibit proper concert etiquette (covered in class) to receive credit. Anyone identified as creating a disturbance at a concert will not receive credit. As these concerts are considered classes, the student may face further disciplinary actions (see below).
2. Class Attendance: Attendance will be taken for the official record and in determining your dedication to coursework. Attendance does not directly affect your grade. However, few students are able to pass this course (much less receive a higher grade) without regularly attending class. Work presented and/or completed in class for a grade or extra credit may only be completed by those in attendance. Tardiness: Students may not enter the classroom after instruction has begun. Leaving Early: Students leaving the classroom will not be readmitted for that class period. If you must leave early, please sit near the front of class and choose an appropriate time to “sneak out”. Prior notice to the instructor is appreciated. Any student continually leaving class early will be considered disruptive and subject to the behavior rules presented below.
3. Classroom Behavior Expectations: Due to the size of our class, we will observe a strict classroom behavior policy in order to ensure a positive learning environment for us all. If you are unable/unwilling to abide by these policies, either do not attend class or drop this course. Students causing a classroom disruption (as defined by the instructor) will be asked to leave the class period. S/he may not return to class before discussing the incident with the instructor. Further action will be pending this discussion. Work missed due to dismissal may not be made-up. Examples of unacceptable behaviors: talking, ringing and/or visible cell phones, texting, visible electronic devices and headphones, sleeping, etc. Laptops may be used for taking notes only; other uses may result in dismissal.
4. Missed Work: Assignments and quizzes are due on or before the deadline. Assignments/quizzes are due whether you are in class that day or not. Many assignments/quizzes will be completed online using CourseDen and available only during specified times. Late work will not be accepted. **Exams** must be taken when scheduled. **Make-up exams** will be given at the discretion of the instructor.
5. Exam sheets: In-class exams/quizzes will be completed using NCS Exam System II #229629. No credit will be given for exams completed using a different form, for not using a pencil, or not following directions related to completing the form.
6. Communication/email: Official email communication is through your UWG assigned email account. Emails from other providers (hotmail, etc.) which request personal information will be ignored. PREFERRED: Please use the CourseDen email system for class communication. For “live” conversations, come by during office hours or make an appointment for a meeting or phone call.
7. Office Hours: Please see my office door and/or CourseDen for office hours or request an appointment.
8. Academic honesty: Plagiarism, cheating on tests, falsifying attendance records, and other acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any appearance of academic dishonesty (i.e. having a cell phone visible during a test) will result in disciplinary action.
9. Other details:
  - a. The student is responsible for all assigned readings/resources for the class. This information may be on exams even if not discussed during class.
  - b. Most course information will be posted on CourseDen (lecture notes, PowerPoints, announcements, etc.). Review these if you miss class.
  - c. Policies, announcements, procedures, schedules, requirements, etc. posted on CourseDen are binding as addendums to this syllabus.
  - d. The student is responsible for knowing information provided in the syllabus and for contacting the instructor regarding any course details, information, questions, concerns, or extenuating circumstances.
  - e. Extra credit may be offered for certain assignments and in-class activities. No extra credit will be created in order to boost your grade. Take advantage of extra credits when they are offered.
  - f. Work completed in another course may not be used in this course.

Anyone needing special assistance must notify the instructor before the end of drop/add.