

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
History of Blues MUS 322 C77 Online
3 credit hours

Class Meeting Times and location:

Online, Blackboard

Instructor contact information:

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Email is the preferred method of communication. In most cases, you can expect a reply within an hour.

Required material:

"The History of the Blues", Francis Davis. Da Capo Press, 1995
isbn 978-0-306-81296-5.

"Deep Blues", Robert Palmer. Penguin Books 1981
isbn 978-0-14-006223-6.

Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Analyze the development of self in relation to others and society.
2. Examine diverse values that form civically engaged and informed members of society.
3. Evaluate solutions to real-world social and cultural problems.

Students will be able to recognize different Blues Styles, Understand the regional impact of these styles, and appreciate the effects of economic and social status of the time. Students will become familiar with the common instruments used in Blues, and gain knowledge of the vocal and instrumental techniques. Students will gain a useable knowledge of the most important players of each style, and why these players are considered important.

Grading:

There will be a folder on Blackboard for each day of class. The folder will include reading and listening assignments, assessments (quizzes), and any other material including written assignments, Powerpoint presentations, and midterm and final exams.

It is suggested you complete each folder on the day it is assigned, but you are welcome to work at your own pace. The midterm and the final exam **MUST** be completed on the day they are assigned.

Point totals for each activity will be included in each folder and in the grade center.

Final grades are as follows:

A = 90 -- 100%

B = 80 -- 89%

C = 70 -- 79%

D = 60 -- 69%

F = below 60%

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