

Western Kentucky University
MUS 120-701 Music Appreciation Syllabus
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Course Description and Goals

Music is art as well as science. To be able to comprehend it to the fullest we must, therefore, be able to appreciate both its emotional and intellectual content.

The aim of this course is very simple: To provide you with the tools for a basic understanding of music. It will not make you a musician or teach you how to write music. It will, however, give you the necessary background to understand what is going on technically when you are listening to music, so that your experience is not limited to a wash of sound that produces a certain feeling.

The course will concentrate on a) The development of an attentive style of listening, b) The introduction and systematic study of the building blocks of music, and c) Enhancing awareness of the main musical styles of selected western and non-western cultures.

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Course Materials

This is a fully online class.

Every student in the class needs:

1. Required Textbook: *OnMusic Appreciation Fourth Edition*
(ISBN:978-0-9965838-5-5)
2. Regular access to a computer that supports your educational needs;
3. Regular access to high-speed internet;
4. Access to Blackboard;
5. Access to a High-quality external speaker for your computer;

How to get started

Purchase the course access code at the WKU Bookstore or online at:

<https://store.connect4education.com/product/onmusic-appreciation/?dids=2>

Please have your access code purchased and registered before classes begin on Monday!

Register your access code:

You will register through Blackboard, not through the link on the card. Once you have your access card, go into the class in Blackboard. Click on Content. Click on the course link under “Content” – you will be prompted to enter your access code and then the link will take you into the course. Everything you need is self-contained in that link – readings, videos, music recordings, assignments, assessments, midterm & final.

Student Guide:

<https://dbkf6lrdbagw3.cloudfront.net/support/LTI/BB%20LTI/BBLTIStudentGuide%20%28lti.c4elink.org%29.pdf>

- In addition to the Student Guide, the student registration tutorial video is another helpful tool in walking you through course access
process: https://dbkf6lrdbagw3.cloudfront.net/support/LTI/BB%20LTI/Blackboard_Student_Registration.mp4

- For helpful FAQ articles on many common processes, students may also reference our Student Help Center: <https://c4e.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/204187808-Student>.

For detailed technical instructions and course navigation tips, please visit the [Student Support](#) website and click the link for *Technical Support*.

Course Format

OnMusic Appreciation is an online course. This is a fully paperless class. There will be no live or Zoom meetings. All course materials will be accessed electronically through a link to Connect 4 Education in Blackboard. Email and Blackboard Announcements will be the main source of information and interaction among us. The class is set up in a MWF format, with dates listed next to each class, making it easy to know exactly what to do each day.

DUE DATES:

Assessments and Written Assignments - DUE on Fridays at 5:00pm. You can work at your own pace throughout the week, but everything must be complete each week by Friday at 5:00pm. You may work ahead if you'd like!

- **The Midterm is accessible from 12:00am on 10/11/2021 until 11:59pm on 10/13/2021**
- **The Final Exam is accessible from 12:00am on 12/6/2021 until 11:59pm on 12/10/2021**

Viewing Your Assignment Due Dates

Course due dates can be viewed by clicking into an assignment or quiz from your course homepage. You can also view due dates using your course menu bar:

1. Click "My Coursework."
2. Click "Inspect Assignments."
3. To view due dates for all assignments, select "all" in the "Filter by Activity" dropdown menu.
4. Alternately, select "assignment" or "quiz" from the dropdown menu to view just those categories.

Evaluation & Grading

Evaluation

Course Activity	Percentage of Final Grade
35 Assessments	37%
4 Standard Assignments	17%
Midterm Exam	23%
Final Exam	23%

Grading

A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89.99%
C	70 - 79.99%
D	60 - 69.99%
F	Below 60%

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty in any form is unacceptable. Consequences will be administered in accordance with official school policy. <https://www.wku.edu/handbook/academic-dishonesty.php/>

Students enrolled in our online classes must agree to the following code of conduct:

- I will only register one account for this course.
- My answers to assessments/exams and my submissions for written assignments/discussion forums will be my own work (except for assignments that require collaboration).
- I will not provide my solutions to assessments, exams or assignments to anyone else. This includes solutions written by me, as well as any solutions obtained from the course or instructor.

- I will not participate in any other activities that will falsely improve my results or impact the results of others.

ADA Accommodation

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

Title IX Discrimination and Harassment

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU's [Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy](#) (#0.2070) and [Discrimination and Harassment Policy](#) (#0.2040). Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121. Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's [Counseling and Testing Center](#) at 270-745-3159.