

Music Appreciation WebCourse
MUS 120 - 701
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Course Description: 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.

Access to the Course: This class is taught online via Connect4Education which holds all the content, assignments, and exams of this course. To access this, you'll need to go to your Music Appreciation Course on **Blackboard** and then go to the Content tab. Within the Content tab is a URL link named **Western Kentucky University MUS-120-701 SOMAA Fall24-Woods**, click on this link and enter your PURCHASED access code. Follow the prompt and you'll be able to have access to the course.

This will be the main way you access the class and its material. Further description and help will be sent via email on the first week of the semester.

Required Access Code: You can purchase the access code for the course from the C4E Online Store at <https://store.connect4education.com/product/onmusic-appreciation/>.

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Please Note: All class content, grading, and correspondence (except for questions addressed to spencer.woods@wku.edu) will take place on the Connect4Education website. Blackboard WILL NOT be utilized for this course.

Required Materials: Personal Computer with internet access. Personal e-mail account.

Course Format: OnMusic Appreciation is offered using the incredible resources of the World Wide Web (WWW) for learning purposes. This format has challenged many traditionally held assumptions about teaching and learning. I will not go into the many ways this has happened. I will, rather, let this exciting adventure unfold and reveal its lessons to all of you.

This is a fully paperless class. All course materials will be accessed electronically. Email and Discussion Forums will be the main source of information and interaction among us.

The course is fully open, meaning that you can complete this course at whatever speed you want to. The only due date is to finish and complete this course fully by **DECEMBER 5th**. Late assignments and tests beyond this date will not be accepted for grading.

Proper format, punctuation, content, and syntax are taken into consideration when grading your written assignments.

Evaluation and Grading:

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

Technical Support: Connect4Education Technical Support Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM Eastern Time via support@connect4education.com

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, Room 1074. The 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.

Pregnant and Parenting Students

Western Kentucky University does not discriminate against any student or exclude any student from its educational programs or activities, including classes or extracurricular activities, on the basis of pregnancy and/or pregnancy-related conditions such as, but not limited to, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom. Students who seek pregnancy or pregnancy-related accommodations should make their requests as soon as possible via WKU's Title IX Website at www.wku.edu/titleix/ under the heading, "Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Conditions." Students can also contact the Title IX Coordinator, Ena Demir, via email at ena.demir@wku.edu or by phone at (270) 745-6867 to request accommodations or seek assistance. We encourage students and faculty to work together to establish a plan that allows the student to complete the class and coursework without jeopardizing academic integrity and course standards. The Title IX Coordinator can help facilitate conversations between students and faculty regarding appropriate and reasonable accommodations.

If you are a WKU student and believe that you have experienced an incident(s) of discrimination or harassment based on pregnancy (or pregnancy related conditions or issues), please report it to the Title IX Coordinator via email at ena.demir@wku.edu or by phone at (270) 745-6867.

Additional resources for pregnant and parenting students can be found on WKU's Title IX Website at www.wku.edu/titleix/.

Title IX Discrimination and Harassment

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ChatGPT and Generative Ai Statement Options:

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools are not permitted for any type of work in this class. If you choose to use these tools, your actions will be considered academically dishonest and a violation of the [WKU Student Code of Conduct](#).

