

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Respond in Writing

Course Number MUSM 232 or Degree Plan(s) _____

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Application for the Humanities General Education menu for MUSM 232, Survey of Popular Music.

Indicate the requested change.

	Change to a Course	Dept./School ¹	College	Dean	TEC	UGEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I	–	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I	–	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I	–	I	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	–	I	A	I
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	–	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I	–	I	I	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	–	A	–	–	–	A	I
10.	From U to G <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
11.	Cross-list course	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
13.	Close a course	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
14.	New course (includes combining or splitting courses)	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I

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	Change to the University Requirements (All Campuses)	Dept./School¹	College	Dean	TEC	UGEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Faculty	President	Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change course outcomes of an included course ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	—	A	—
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	A	A	—
3. ✓	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ²	A	—	—	—	A	—	A	—	A	—
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu in the University Requirements ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	A	A	—
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)										
1.	General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees and Associate's Degrees	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
2.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
3.	Requirements for graduating with honors	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
	Change to a Degree Plan Proposed by Faculty or College										
5.	Educational Program — Revise ³	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
6.	Educational Program — Adopt/change admission requirements	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
7.	Educational Program — Add ³	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
8.	Educational Program — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
9.	GPA — Revise program-required GPAs	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
10.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	I	—	I	I	—	I	—
11.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
12.	Minor — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
13.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
14.	Degree — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan Proposed By Provost										
15.	Educational Program — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
16.	Minor — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
17.	Degree — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	A	A	I

¹ When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

² Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

³ For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

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Department/School Chair(s)	
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College Academic Council(s)	
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University General Education Council	
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Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council	
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Provost	
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Faculty	
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President	
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Approval date</i>

Application for Arts and Humanities Menu

Guidelines For All General Education Courses

1. All general education courses must be 100-level or above.
2. General education courses should present a breadth of knowledge, not focusing on skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession.
3. Individual courses will fulfill only a single general education requirement.
4. Courses free of prerequisites are preferred. Applications to add courses with prerequisites must provide additional evidence that the course contributes to a student's breadth of knowledge and is not specific to a particular occupation or profession.
5. Each course may appear on a maximum of two menus that accept applications (arts and humanities, cultural literacy, life and physical sciences, and social and behavioral sciences).

Arts and Humanities Description

Courses within this domain will expose students to other cultures, time periods, and points of view through a wide variety of media. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the human condition, relevance and aesthetics of rhetorical claims, interrogating one's own personal worldviews, and drawing conclusions from analysis of artifacts.

Instructions

Complete this form and submit it with a course syllabus and approval chart to the University General Education Council. Faculty submitting an application should be prepared to perform annual assessment for their course. The assessment will be conducted with the rubric included in this course application. See the last page of this document for explanation of disciplines that will be considered for the menu.

Subject code, course number, and title of course:	MUSM 232 Survey of Popular Music
Terms offered:	Summer
Catalog description:	Surveys the musical, historical and social aspects of popular music in America from the late nineteenth century to the present. Emphasis on representative genres (including Tin Pan Alley, Blues, Country and Western, Big Band, Rock and Roll, Rhythm and Blues, Punk, Heavy Metal, and Hip Hop), characteristics, styles and performers.
Course prerequisites:	None
Cross-listed courses:	None

*Note: Many gen ed courses are cross-listed between the Abilene and Dallas campuses.	
Other general education menus on which the course appears or you are applying for:	Cultural Literacy

Description of Menu Fit

Please describe how your class fits into the Arts and Humanities Menu (200 words or less).

This is a music history course, one of humanities disciplines listed below. As such, it exposes students to other cultures of the past by examining “the musical, historical, and social aspects of popular music in America from the late nineteenth century to the present” (course description). It engages these cultures aesthetically by developing students’ analytical skills and knowledge so they can “appreciate music as a reflection of the varieties of human experience” (competency 6 in syllabus). Students employ these analytical skills and the required vocabulary to identify stylistic characteristics (competency 1), to recognize genres and styles (competency 2), to articulate ideas about music (competency 3), and to evaluate musical performances (competency 5).

Prerequisites

If the course has prerequisites, provide evidence that the course contributes to a student’s breadth of knowledge. Also provide evidence that the course content is not specific to a particular occupation or profession (200 words or less).

There are no prerequisites. Any student is eligible for the course, as the syllabus says.

Relevant Outcomes

- A2: Listen to, understand, and critically evaluate rhetorical claims.
- B1: Demonstrate competent discourse in global, historical, and cultural experiences of diverse populations.
- B2: Understand the interconnectedness of the human experience with a posture of humility while celebrating difference.
- B3: Interrogate one’s internal and external views and values for greater self-awareness.
- C2: Analyze quantitative data, published writing, or observable phenomena to draw informed conclusions.

Describe how the course meets the A2 outcome (100 words or less).

In music history courses, students might encounter rhetorical claims through primary and secondary source readings or by analyzing music, which itself is considered an art of persuasive communication. [Here’s a brief explanation of music as rhetoric by a musicologist.](#) In this course, students develop critical listening / analytical skills (competencies 2 and 3) to

understand how and what music communicates in different genres and eras. Competencies 5.a.-b. state that students “will articulate how specific works conform or deviate from expectations and defend statements of opinion and taste,” and 6.a. says that students “will discuss musical works with appropriate nuance....” In doing so, students listen to, understand, and evaluate rhetorical claims of these works of art .

Describe how the course meets the C2 outcome (100 words or less).

The first unit of the course builds analytical tools. Students learn and apply a method of listening, in which they separate music into its various systems or elements, including instruments, voices, and forms and determine how these interact with one another to create a distinctive world of sound and meaning in each example they analyze (competencies 3 and 5). This method enables students to categorize music by style and genre, i.e., “to draw informed conclusions.” The remainder of the semester, students apply this method to music of different stylistic eras, using appropriate terminology (competencies 1, 2, 3, and 5).

Describe how the course meets at least one or more of the following outcomes: B1, B2, B3 (200 words or less).

B2

Competency 6 speaks directly to outcome B2, stating that students “will appreciate music as a reflection of the varieties of human experiences,” specifying that they will “approach unfamiliar music from an objective point of view.” The idea here is that students approach musics of diverse cultures with respect and openness with the goal of understanding different styles as expressions of the human experience.

Outcomes assessment should occur within one or two exams/assignments. Please indicate which exams or assignments will be used for each outcome. Provide assignment prompts if available.

Area to Be Assessed	Assessment Artifact
Outcome A2	Song critique
Outcome C2	Song critique
Outcome B1, B2, or B3 *note which of the 3 outcomes will be assessed	B2: Reflection blog assignment in jazz unit

Please use the following rubric to perform assessment each year.

Student Learning Outcome A2

Students will be able to:	Shortcomings	Meets Expectations	Points of Excellence
Evaluate rhetorical claims	Fails to demonstrate understanding or recognition of rhetorical claims.	Demonstrates effective understanding of and ability to critique rhetorical claims.	Demonstrates keen analytical abilities and attention to detail in understanding and evaluating rhetorical claims.

Student Learning Outcome C2

Students will be able to:	Shortcomings	Meets Expectations	Points of Excellence
Analyze data to draw conclusions	Lacks sufficient analysis of data or published writing.	Analyzes data and/or published writing in an effective manner.	Analyzes data and/or published writing in an exemplary manner.

Student Learning Outcome B (evaluate the one or more selected above)

Students will be able to:	Shortcomings	Meets Expectations	Points of Excellence
Demonstrate competent discourse in global, historical, and cultural experiences of diverse populations (B1)	Little to no engagement in discourse in global, historical, and cultural experiences of diverse populations.	Effectively presents the capacity to engage in discourse in global, historical, and cultural experiences of diverse populations.	Excellently presents the capacity to engage in discourse in global, historical, and cultural experiences of diverse populations.
Understand the interconnectedness of the human experience with a posture of humility while celebrating difference (B2)	Little to no demonstration of understanding or humility in relation to the human experience and diversity.	Effective demonstration of understanding or humility in relation to the human experience and diversity.	Exemplary demonstration of understanding or humility in relation to the human experience and diversity.
Interrogate one's internal and external views and values for greater self-awareness (B3)	Little to no interrogation of personal views and little to no movement toward self-awareness.	Effective interrogation of personal views with some attention to self-awareness.	Exemplary interrogation of personal views with an eye toward self-awareness.

Disciplines to Consider

Proposed courses should fit commonly accepted practices across disciplines. As an external indicator of what constitutes Humanities disciplines, we have consulted the American Academy of Arts and Sciences definition, which lists the following disciplines as humanities:

- Art and music history, musicology, and the academic study of drama and cinema
- American Studies and Area Studies (e.g., Latin American Studies, Africana Studies, etc.)
- Archeology
- Communication, including media studies, but not professionalization-oriented coursework
- Cultural, Ethnic, & Gender Studies: Programs studying from an interdisciplinary perspective race, ethnic, gender, or cultural groups, such as Black studies, Hispanic studies, women's studies, gender studies.
- English Language and Literature: English, American, and Anglophone literature; general literature programs; creative writing; speech and rhetoric (does not include technical and business writing programs).
- History
- Languages & Literatures Other than English: Modern languages and literature; linguistics; classics and ancient languages; comparative literature.
- Jurisprudence: Includes philosophy of law.
- Philosophy
- Religion: Programs in the comparative, nonsectarian study of religion; studies of particular religions; history of religion; does not include programs in theology or ministry.
- Selected Interdisciplinary Studies: General humanities programs; programs in the study of a particular historical period (e.g., medieval and Renaissance studies, classical and ancient studies, holocaust studies, etc.).

The criteria team anticipates some overlap with other menus, particularly cultural literacy.

In ACU's specific institutional context, the council recognizes religion as a humanities discipline but will not consider Bible courses for the Arts and Humanities menu because of the number of hours reserved in the Bible and Theology menu for these courses in the general education requirements.

Resources:

- [American Academy of Arts & Sciences — Scope of the Humanities](#)
- [4Humanities — Five Definitions of the Humanities](#)
- [Cambridge University Press — What Are the Humanities For?](#)

MUSM 232.W2

Survey of Popular Music

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ACU Mission Statement: To educate students for Christian service and leadership throughout the world.

College of Arts and Sciences Mission Statement: To educate students for worldwide Christian service and leadership through programs of study and other learning experiences that blend a liberal arts education with professional and career education.

Music Department Objective: To develop and inspire students artistically as comprehensive musicians.

Student Audience and Prerequisites

“Survey of Popular Music” meets the Fine Arts requirement of the General Education core. Any student is eligible to take this class. The course could also be an elective.

The course is designed for any student with an interest in music. There are no prerequisite skills.

Catalog Description

Surveys the musical, historical and social aspects of popular music in America from the late nineteenth century to the present. Emphasis on representative genres (including Tin Pan Alley, Blues, Country and Western, Big Band, Rock and Roll, Rhythm and Blues, Punk, Heavy Metal, and Hip Hop), characteristics, styles and performers.

Course Description and Objectives

Students will be introduced to a varied repertory of music from various popular music styles through in-class listening activities using commercial audio and video recordings and class discussions. Students will also develop a working vocabulary of musical terms and will learn to apply these terms to various popular music styles. Finally, students will apply acquired research

and analytical skills through individual or small group presentations on a representative work of popular music.

The main topics of this course include Tin Pan Alley, American Musical Theater, Jazz in New Orleans and Chicago, the Blues, Swing, Country Music (origins and commercialization), the Nashville Sound, Bluegrass, Young Country, Rock and Roll (origins), Fifties Pop, Folk Rock, British Invasion, Psychedelic Rock, Motown, Progressive Rock, Reggae, Hard and Soft Rock, Techno, recent world influences. Representative composers and works will illustrate each of the above styles.

Course Competences and Measurements

Competency	Measurement Instrument	Measurement Standard
1 Students will identify stylistic characteristics of music from various time periods.	Quizzes and exams; Written song/genre critiques	A: Students will correctly identify style characteristics when prompted. B: Students will appropriately identify and reflect on style characteristics in live performances.
2 Students will recognize and differentiate selected audio examples from various genres and time periods.	Listening exams	A: Students will correctly identify the examples. B: Students will make educated guesses with appropriate support for examples never heard before.
3 Students will recognize and apply specific musical terms to the discussion of musical characteristics and styles of selected genres and time periods.	Quizzes and exams; Written song critiques	A: Students will correctly identify terms on objective tests. B: Musical and technical terms are used in an appropriate context.

			C: Terms are applied with appropriate nuance; not superficially or inappropriately.
4	Students will actively participate in class discussions and performance activities.	Discussion and music-making activities.	A: Students will engage with reflective and appropriate questions and comments. B: Students will encourage participation among peers.
5	Students will analyze and evaluate musical performances.	Written song/genre critiques	A: Students will correctly identify genres and styles heard in a performance. B: Students will articulate how specific works conform or deviate from expectations. C: Students will defend statements of opinion and taste with
6	Students will appreciate music as a reflection of the varieties of human experience.	Written reflections on individual songs /genres	A: Students will discuss musical works with appropriate nuance; not superficially or inappropriately. B: Students will approach unfamiliar music from an objective point of view.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Violations of academic integrity and other forms of cheating, as defined in ACU's Academic Integrity Policy, involve the intention to deceive or mislead or misrepresent, and therefore are a form of lying and represent actions contrary to the behavioral norms that flow from the nature of God. Violations will be addressed as described in the Policy. While the university enforces the Policy, the most powerful motive for integrity and truthfulness comes from one's desire to imitate God's nature

in our lives. Every member of the faculty, staff and student body is responsible for protecting the integrity of learning, scholarship and research. The full Policy is available for review at the Provost's office web site:

www.acu.edu/campusoffices/campuslife/documents/AcadIntegrityPolicy.pdf (Links to an external site.)[Links to an external site.](#)

SPECIAL NEEDS: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

If you have a diagnosed disability, please notify Alpha Academic Services (674-2750) before or immediately after your first scheduled class meeting. After your disability has been verified, your instructor will work with you and Alpha Academic Services to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure that you have a fair opportunity to perform in the course.

ASSESSMENT

Exams

Exams will consist of objective questions (multiple choice and matching) over terms, people, works, and other information from online lectures and reading assignments. A portion of each test will be listening and will cover the recordings discussed in the text. A review sheet will precede each exam.

Reading Quizzes

A multiple choice quiz will follow each chapter in the Joyner text. You will have 5 minutes to complete the 10 questions. There will be only one (1) chance to take the reading quiz, so plan for an uninterrupted time to devote to it.

Final Exam

The final exam will consist of objective material from throughout the course along with selective listening examples. There will also be short answer responses. A review will precede the final exam.

Rock Song Project

Several years ago, *Q Magazine* (a British contemporary culture journal) came up with a list of 100 Songs that Changed the World. You will create a case study for a "Song that Changed the World" using the *Q Magazine* selections as a guide (obviously, you cannot use one of those songs). The song you choose should be a Rock song from the mid-1950s to the present. You may use a song that is mentioned in the book, but do not choose one from the Audio Anthology. More information about the project will be on the course website. **Due: Wednesday, June 15.**

Class Participation

You are expected to participate in class discussion by asking questions, responding to questions, and making observations about the music.

There will also be reflection blog assignments and critiques to evaluate certain songs and discuss the musical genres as a whole and their impact on society.

For example, one reflection blog assignment includes a study of Benny Goodman, who was one of the first jazz bandleaders to hire both Black and white musicians and integrate them for both Black and white audiences. What was the impact of that? Another reflection blog assignment is to look at the life and music of Billie Holiday, specifically at the song “Strange Fruit”, which clearly protests the lynching of Black Americans.

EVALUATION

Above average work should reflect above average effort, insight, and attention to detail. Average responses to the discussion board revealing little original thinking, a hurried reading of the assigned text, or careless writing.

Following is the breakdown for figuring the course grade:

Examinations (4 total)	40%	
Readings Quizzes (20 total)*	20%	*one for each of the 24 chapters; I will drop the 4 lowest scores.
Final Examination	15%	
Rock Song Project	10%	
Class Participation/Assignments	15%	
TOTAL	100%	

Grading Scale: 100-90%=A; 89-80%=B; 79-70%=C; 69-60%=D; 59%-0%=F

TEXT REQUIREMENTS:

David Joyner, *American Popular Music*, 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2008. You may purchase this in the bookstore or on Amazon.com.

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES:

“At night I remember my music; I meditate in my heart, and my spirit ponders.” – Psalm 77:6

Holman Christian Standard Bible

“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

Martin Luther

Music is one of God’s greatest gifts, and all major faith traditions hold music as central to their expression of worship. While American popular music is a relatively recent addition to the musical world, it has been vitally important in shaping music domestically and internationally. It is important to examine this music critically and aesthetically as it relates to your own tastes and opinions and to learn to defend those opinions with well-reasoned, well-supported arguments.

Part of our investigation will be issues of "freedom of speech" and "artistic freedom" versus the good of our society-at-large. Consequently, some of these song-texts and some of our text material will contain references, language, and/or content that some persons may find to be vulgar, controversial, or blasphemous. While all of these song-texts have been freely broadcast on public radio stations, it remains that responsibility of each student to carefully consider each text for its artistic and music merits. Concerns about any specific work may be brought to my attention at any time.

Course Calendar – Survey of Pop Online Summer II 2022

Module 0 – opened Wednesday, May 31

UNIT 1 – Elements of Music – opens Monday, June 5

Module 1 - What is Music and What is Popular Music?

Module 2 – Instruments, Voices, and Forms

EXAM 1 – Elements of Music: open **Wed-Thu, June 7-8**

Unit 1 Module Assignments and Discussion Posts must be completed by **Thu, June 8**

UNIT 2 – Jazz (part 1) – opens Thursday, June 8

Module 3 - Nineteenth Century and Tin Pan Alley, Ch 1

Module 4 - Broadway: The American Musical, Ch 2

Module 5 - African Traditions and the Blues, Ch 3-5

UNIT 2 – Jazz (part 2) – opens Saturday, June 10

Module 6 - Jazz in New Orleans and Chicago, Ch 6-7

Module 7 - Jazz in the Swing Era & after WWII, Ch 8-9

EXAM 2 – Jazz: open **Mon-Tue, June 12-13**

Unit 2 Module Assignments, Reading Quizzes & Discussion Posts completed by **Tue, June 13**

UNIT 3 – Country Music – opens Tuesday, June 13

Module 8 - Early Country, Ch 10-11

Module 9 - Bakersfield, Nashville and Austin, Ch 12-13

Module 10 - Bluegrass and Young Country, Ch 14

EXAM 3 – Country Music: open **Thu-Fri, June 15-16**

Unit 3 Module Assignments, Reading Quizzes & Discussion Posts completed by **Fri, June 16**

UNIT 4 – Rock (part 1) – opens Friday, June 16

Module 11 - Early Rock and Roll and Flamboyant Rock, Ch 15-16

Module 12 - The British Invasion and the American Reaction, Ch 17

Module 13 - The 1960s: Psychedelic Roots & Soul, Ch 18-19

Complete part 1 reading assignments by Sun, June 18

UNIT 4 – Rock (part 2) – opens Monday, June 19

Module 14 - The 1970s & 80s: Prog, Heavy Metal & Mainstream Pop, Ch 20-22

Module 15 - The 1990s & 2000s: Alternative and Hip Hop, Ch 23-24

EXAM 4 – Rock Music: open **Wed-Thu, June 21-22**

Unit 4 Module Assignments, Reading Quizzes & Discussion Posts completed by **Wed, June 21**

ROCK SONG PROJECT: due by midnight, **Wednesday, June 21**

FINAL EXAM: open **Thu-Fri, June 22-23**