

MUSM 230-01

Survey of Music in Western Culture

T/Th 9:30-10:50 am
WPAC B5

Instructor

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Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of music beginning with Gregorian chant and progressing to 20th century music and beyond. Through videos, readings, and recordings, students will be introduced to listening to the basic elements of music and hear how they are presented in every kind of music, from chant to Gospel, from Beethoven to Check Berry, from symphonies to hip hop, and more.

Student Competencies

1. Students will identify stylistic characteristics of music from various time periods and nationalities.
2. Students will recognize and differentiate selected audio examples from various genres, time periods, and nationalities.
3. Students will recognize and apply specific musical terms to discussion of musical characteristics and styles of selected genres and time periods.
4. Students will actively participate in class discussions and performance activities.
5. Students will analyze and evaluate musical performances.

Materials

Textbook: Listen to This , 2nd ed. – Bonds

Attendance

Attendance in this class, due to the pace of this class and the amount of material that must be covered, is absolutely essential. Absences will be excused for school-related activities only if notification is given in advance. Illness will be excused at the discretion of the instructor. The responsibility for getting assignments rests with the student. Missed quizzes and exams will not be made up without prior arrangement. Two

unexcused absence will be given – each following unexcused absence will result in lowering your grade by 5 points on the 100 point scale.

Grading

Homework/Participation	20%
Exams (3)	45%
Concert Reviews (4)	20%
Final Exam	15%

Music Questionnaire

Name:

Hometown:

Major:

Favorite thing about ACU:

Do you sing or play an instrument? If so, what?

Have you ever played or sung in an ensemble (band, choir, orchestra, etc.)?

What is your favorite style of music? What do you like about it?

Favorite songs:

1.

2.

3.