Music 11A: Introduction to Western Classical Music

COURSE SYLLABUS

Music 11A 2023 Summer Session 1
Introduction to Western Classical Music
Instructor: David Long (drlong@ucsc.edu)
Class Time: Asynchronous
Office Hours (Zoom): By appointment. Please e-mail to set an appointment

Class Description:

Introduction to Western Classical Music will introduce you to the fundamental concepts of Western music and provide an overview of the history of Western Classical Music. The course will last 5 weeks and be taught at a rapid pace. We will study the styles, structure, and prominent figures of Western Classical Music chronologically, beginning with the origins of tonal harmony during the Medieval era, all the way up through to the Modern era. **You do not need to have any musical background to take this class, nor is it required that you be able to read music.**

This class will be taught asynchronously. Students will have access to video lectures on canvas, each filed under the appropriate week along with the corresponding course materials. Students will view each video, and by the end of each class day, students will submit a quiz (open book, open note) which will be designed to help understand the types of questions that will appear on the final exam. These quizzes will be due at the end of each class day at 11:59pm.

Listening examples comprise a portion of weekly quizzes and writing assignments. Developing the ability to listen to music *actively* is foundational to understanding Western Classical Music, and there will be a section of each video dedicated specifically to helping you develop this skill. It is strongly encouraged that students listen to these sections multiple times to help understand and master the skill of active listening.

Additionally, students are required to write 200-250 words responses each week, based on the material presented in both the videos and your weekly reading assignments. The instructor will be available for questions/support with the reading and listening materials.

Grading:

- Weekly Writing Assignment: 30% (6% for each assignment)
- Weekly Take Home Quiz: 32 % (8% for each quiz)
- Final Exam: 38%
Final Exam:

Final Exam will occur during the final exam period **Wed, July 26, 2023**

The Final Exam will be cumulative, covering all material presented from the beginning to the end of the course, and will have 60 questions (multiple choice and true or false)

10 questions will cover listening examples presented in the course, the rest will be questions based on each week's material. Be sure to listen to the video materials, read the chapters, and check the slides to answer the questions.

Questions on the final exam will be given one at a time and will be randomized from a question bank. Every student must join a mandatory Zoom meeting while taking the exam which will be proctored by the instructor. Students must have their cameras turned on for the duration of the exam.

Feel free to e-mail the instructor with any concerns.

Course Materials:

The Enjoyment of Music (fourteenth edition) by Forney, Kristine, and Andrew Dell’Antonio.

This textbook can be purchased directly from at [https://digital.wwnorton.com/enjmusic14](https://digital.wwnorton.com/enjmusic14) Links to an external site. This text can also be purchased electronically

Course Schedule:

Week 1: June 26 – 30

From Medieval to Renaissance

Course Intro
What is Music
Intro to basic music elements
Gregorian Chant
Hildegard of Bingen
Polyphony and Organum
G. Machaut
Renaissance Music
Madrigals in Italy

Reading Chapters: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20.
Assignment 1: Writing Prompt
Quiz 1: On Canvas
Listening
Gregorian chant, 
Hildegard of Bingen, Alleluia, O virga mediatrix, 
Machaut, Ma fin est mon commencement, 
Monteverdi, Si ch’io vorrei morire.

**Week 2: July 3 – 7**

**The Baroque Era**

The Baroque Era  
Women Composers in Baroque Italy  
Purcell and Early Opera  
J.S. Bach and the Lutheran Candata  
Handel and the English Oratorio  
Vivaldi and the Baroque Concerto

Reading Chapters: 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28  
Assignment 2 Writing Prompt  
Quiz 2: On Canvas

**Listening List**

Cozzolani Magnificat & Strozzi, Amor dormiglione,  
Purcell, Dido, and Aeneas, Dido’s lament.  
J. S. Bach, Cantata No. 140, (1) Chorale fantasia.  
Handel, Messiah, “Rejoice Greatly,” & Hallelujah Chorus;  
Vivaldi, Spring from The Four Seasons

**Week 3: July 10 – 14**

**18th Century – Classicism**

Intro to the Eighteenth-Century Classicism

Haydn & Classical Chamber Music  
Haydn and the Symphony  
Mozart and the Concerto  
Beethoven and the Classical Sonata  
Beethoven and the Symphony  
Mozart Opera and Requiem.

Reading Chapters: 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36  
Assignment 3: Writing Prompt  
Quiz 3: On Canvas

**Listening List:**

Haydn, Symphony No. 94 in G Major (Surprise),  
Mozart, Piano Concerto in G Major, K. 453,  
Beethoven Symphony No 5.
Week 4: July 17 – 21

The Romantic Era

Schubert, Schumann, and the Early Romantic Lied
Chopin and Romantic Piano Music
Brahms and the Nineteenth-Century Symphony
Berlioz and the Program Symphony

Reading Chapters: 37, 39, 41, 43
Assignment 4: Writing Prompt
Quiz 4: On Canvas

Listening List

Schubert, “Erlkönig”
Schumann, “In the Lovely Month of May
Chopin, Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1 (Military)
Berlioz, Symphonie fantastique V,
Brahms, Symphony No. 3 in F Major, III

Week 5: July 24 – 28

Modernism and Post-Modernism

Schoenberg and Atonality

Intro to Jazz and Blues
Bernstein and Musical Theater
Williams and Film Music

Reading Chapters: 52, 53, 56, 63, 68
Assignment 5: Writing Prompt
Quiz 5 (Final Exam): On Canvas (See below for specifics)

Listening List

Williams: Imperial March from The Empire Strikes Back/
Bernstein: West Side Story, excerpt
Holiday: Billie’s Blues

Duke Ellington: Take the A Train

**Final Exam will be held on Canvas and can be taken ANY TIME between Thursday, July 27 and Friday July 28. The time allotted for the Final is 3 hours. Once you begin the exam, you have 3 hours to complete it and then it will automatically stop.**

**With thanks to Grijda Spiri, PhD for providing her 11A syllabus for use as a template for this class**
**DRC Remote Accommodations:**

The Disability Resources Center reduces barriers to inclusion and full participation for students with disabilities by providing support to individually determine reasonable academic accommodations. Operations continue via remote appointments. If you have questions or concerns about exam accommodations or any other disability-related matter, email the DRC Schedulers at drc@ucsc.edu for an appointment.

**Small-Group Tutoring:**

Small Group Tutoring (SGT) supports students academically to advance educational equity by designing inclusive learning environments outside of the classroom. In SGT, you can expect the Tutor to facilitate cooperative group activities designed to have students work together on the course content and develop study skills for the course. SGT is offered at least three times each week for the entire quarter. The Tutor is an undergraduate student who took the class, did well, and is trained to facilitate group sessions to focus on students’ needs to succeed in the course. SGT is open to all students enrolled in the class and they must sign up on our online system: TutorTrac. When students sign up for SGT, they are committed to attending every week. For Summer 2020, students can begin signing up for tutoring on Monday, June 22nd, and tutoring will begin Wednesday, June 24th. Students only have to sign up once for tutoring and their appointments will repeat weekly. Sign-ups will close on Friday, August 14th for all Summer sessions Sign-Ups. This means that after August 14th, no new students can sign up for tutoring.

Want SGT to be successful for you? Bring your books, lecture notes, and questions, and be open to working collaboratively with your peers. You can sign up using this link: https://ucsc.goredrock.com/tracweb40/NoAccess.4sp?errText=insufficient%20credentials%20to%20view%20content

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