

**Houston Community College**  
**Center of Excellence**  
**Visual and Performing Arts**

## Course Syllabus: Music Appreciation

<b>HCC Academic Discipline:</b>	Music
<b>Course Title:</b>	Music Appreciation
<b>Course Rubric:</b>	MUSI 1306
<b>Course CRN:</b>	15694
<b>Semester Term:</b>	Spring 2019
<b>Campus/Room Location with Days and Times:</b>	West Loop Center, C223, We 6:00-8:50
<b>Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH):</b>	3 credits
<b>Course contact hours per semester:</b>	48
<b>Course length:</b>	Regular Term*, 16 Weeks
<b>Type of Instruction:</b>	3 lecture

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### Course Description

1. MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation: A foundation course in understanding and enjoyment of music through the use of recorded music and song literature. Elements of music and analysis of music form and how they relate to compositional technique are explored. *As listed in the 2009-2011 HCC Catalog.*
2. MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation: Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and music elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. *As defined in the Academic Course Guide Manual (AGCM) produced by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2009 (THECB)*

### Course Prerequisites

Must be placed in GUST 0342 (or higher) in reading and be placed in MATH 0308 (or higher) and be placed in ENGL 0310/0349 (or higher) in writing.

### Course Goal

- To enrich the student through exposure to the processes and repertoire of many different kinds and periods of music.
- To aid the student in developing an awareness of, and sensitivity to, music in a variety of forms, representing a variety of cultures and eras.
- To foster, without influencing, student appreciation of all kinds of music, based on an expanded and heightened awareness of music in society, past and present.
- To increase student knowledge of basic theoretical aspects of music that can be aurally observed, without requisite technical training and mastery. This knowledge will allow the student to differentiate the various eras of music, such as Medieval, Classical, Romantic, 20<sup>th</sup> Century, etc.
- To engage the student in relating learning from this course to his/her "preferred" music.

### Instructional Materials

Roger Kamien: *Music: An Appreciation*, Brief 9th edition. ISBN: 978-0077837310 note:

CD's of musical excerpts used in this course are to be regarded as **optional** but are **encouraged**. The student choosing not to purchase CD's or tapes is still responsible for all listening assignments related to class preparation and testing.

## HCC Grading Information:

### **Grading percentile: the official HCC grading rubric is as follows:**

90–100 percent	A	Exceptionally fine work; superior in presentation, visual observation, comprehension and participation
80–89 percent	B	Above average work; superior in one or two areas
70–79 percent	C	Average work; good, unexceptional participation
60–69 percent	D	Below average work; noticeably weak with minimal participation
Below 60 percent	F	Clearly deficient in presentation, style and content with a lack of participation

The grade of "I" (Incomplete) is conditional. It will only be assigned if at least 80% of the course work is complete. Students receiving an "I," must make an arrangement with the instructor in writing to complete the course work within six months. After the deadline, the "I" becomes an "F." All "I" designations must be changed to grades prior to graduation. Changed grades will appear on student record as "I"/Grade (example: "I/A").

The grade of "W" (Withdrawal) appears on grade reports when students withdraw from a class by the drop deadline. Instructors have the option of dropping students up to the deadline. After the deadline, instructors do not have that option — not even when entering final grades.

### Instructor's Final Grading Legend

Unit assessments-----	30%
Concert Reviews (2)-----	15%
Listening Quizzes -----	40%
Final Exam -----	15%

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Upon listening to a piece of music, be able to identify the historical period from which it comes.
2. Be able to identify the sound of the major instruments in the orchestra.
3. Know the four instrumental groupings of the orchestra.
4. Recognize the sound of the piano, harpsichord, and organ.
5. Know the approximate dates of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century periods in music.
6. Be able to identify appropriate Italian music terms.

### Course Student Learning Objectives

- 1.a. Discuss the musical characteristics of the historical period of the piece to be played.
- 1.b. Discuss specific identifiable characteristics of the piece to be played.
- 1.c. Play the piece.
- 1.d. Ask the student to describe what they hear; what performing forces, form, characteristics, etc.
- 2.a. Discuss the physical characteristics of each instrument; i.e., how sound is made.
- 2.b. Play an example of the sound of the instrument.
- 2.c. Play an example of several instruments, and ask the student to identify them.
- 3.a. Discuss the four various groupings.
- 3.b. Describe the musical characteristics of each of the groups.
- 3.c. Play an example of at least one instrument from each of the four groups.
- 3.d. Play an example of one instrument from each group, and ask the student to identify the group.
- 4.a. Discuss the characteristics and history of the piano, harpsichord, and organ.
- 4.b. Play an example of a piano, a harpsichord, and an organ.
- 4.c. Play an example of each instrument, and ask the student to identify the instrument.
- 5.a. Outline each of the five major periods of music throughout Western music, discussing important historical events of each.
- 5.b. List approximate dates for each period.

HCC Calendar: Spring 2019	
Classes Begin	January 14
Holidays and Breaks	Mon, Jan 21 – MLK day March 11-17 – Spring Break
Last day to drop classes with a grade of W	Mon, April 1 4:30 pm
Instruction ends	5/5/19
Final examination	5/8/19 6:00pm

Date	Lectures / Topics / Assignments / Projects / Quizzes / Exams
1/16	First Day of Class/Introduction to Classical Genres/ Unit 1
1/23	Unit 1 (cont)/The Middle Ages/ Renaissance Music
1/30	Quiz 1 (Unit 1)/Listening Quiz (LQ) 1/ Intro to Baroque
2/6	Baroque Instrumental Genres
2/13	Baroque - Bach/Handel
2/20	Quiz 2 (Unit 4)/LQ 2/Intro to the Classical Style/Haydn
2/27	Sonata Form/Other Forms/The Classical Symphony /Mozart
3/6	Mozart and Beethoven
3/20	Quiz 3 (Unit 5)/LQ 3 Early Romantics/Pianists
3/27	Romantic Opera/Verdi/Wagner
4/3	Other Genres/Program Music/Tchaikovsky/Berlioz
4/10	Late Romantic Composers/Nationalist Composers
4/17	Quiz 4 (Unit 6)/LQ 4Debussy/Stravinsky/Schoenberg/
4/24	20 <sup>th</sup> century/ Review for final
5/1	20 <sup>th</sup> century/ LQ 5/ Review for final
5/8	Final Exam

**Please remember that this syllabus is subject to change.  
All changes will be documented by the instructor.**

### **Core Curriculum**

This course fulfills the following core intellectual competencies: reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking and computer literacy. A variety of academic experiences are used to develop these competencies.

This course fulfills the core competencies:

**Reading:** Reading at the college level means having the ability to understand, analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials: books, articles, and documents.

**Writing:** Writing at the college level means having the ability to produce clear, correct, and coherent prose adapted to a specific purpose, occasion, and audience. In addition to knowing how to use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation, students should also become adept with the writing process, including how to determine a topic, how to organize and develop it, and how to phrase it effectively for their audience. These abilities are acquired through practice and reflection.

**Speaking:** Effective speaking is the ability to communicate orally in clear, coherent, and persuasive language appropriate to purpose, occasion, and audience.

**Listening:** Listening at the college level means having the ability to understand, analyze, and interpret various forms of spoken communication

**Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking embraces methods for applying both qualitative and quantitative skills analytically and creatively to subject matter in order to evaluate arguments and to construct alternative strategies. Problem solving is one of the applications of critical thinking used to address an identified task.

**Computer Literacy:** Computer literacy at the college level means having the ability to use computer-based technology in communicating, solving problems, and acquiring information. Core-educated students should have an understanding of the limits, problems, and possibilities associated with the use of technology and should have the tools necessary to evaluate and learn new technologies as they become available.

### **Instructional Methods**

Methods of instruction may include: lectures, readings (from textbooks, peer-reviewed articles, books, original source seminal texts), slide presentations, video/film presentations, recordings, live performances, demonstrations, and in-class critiques.

### **Student Assignments**

Assignments/Activities may include: attendance of recitals and/or concerts, written critical responses, projects, quizzes, exams, various assigned readings from textbooks, peer-reviewed articles, books, original source seminal texts; discussions based on various topics related to the major areas of study in Music, debates; writing papers including essays, analyses, reviews, research, comparing and contrasting music theories and perspectives; presentations.

### **Student Assessments**

Methods of assessment/evaluation may include: Tests and quizzes which may include: listening identification, definitions, matching, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, brief essay, lists; writing assignments, in-class discussions and/or critiques; written papers including critiques, essays, analyses, reviews, research; presentations; group and/or individual projects; other methods as may be determined by individual instructors.

### **HCC Policy Statement: Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Any student with a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Disability Services Office at the respective college at the beginning of each semester. Faculty is authorized to provide only the accommodations requested by the Disability Support Services Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the Disability Counselor at your college or the District Disability Office at 713-718-5165 or the Southwest College Counselor: Dr. Becky Hauri at 713-718-7909.

To visit the ADA Web site, log on to [www.hccs.edu](http://www.hccs.edu),

Click Future Students

Scroll down the page and click on the words Disability Information. <http://www.hccs.edu/hccs/future-students/disability-services>

### **HCC Policy Statement: Academic Honesty**

You are expected to be familiar with the College's Policy on Academic Honesty, found in the catalog and student handbook. Students are responsible for conducting themselves with honor and integrity in fulfilling course requirements. Penalties and/or disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by College System officials against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty.

"Scholastic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

**Cheating** on a test includes:

- Copying from another student's test paper;
- Using materials during a test that are not authorized by the person giving the test;
- Collaborating with another student during a test without authority;
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of a test that has not been administered;
- Bribing another person to obtain a test that is to be administered.

**Plagiarism** means the appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own written work offered for credit.

**Collusion** means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit.

**Violations:** Possible punishments for academic dishonesty may include a grade of "0" or "F" on the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendation for probation or dismissal from the College System. A recommendation for suspension or expulsion will be referred to the College Dean of Student Development for disciplinary disposition.

Students who wish to appeal a grade penalty should notify the instructional supervisor within 30 working days of the incident. A standing committee appointed by the College Dean of Instruction (Academic or Workforce) will convene to sustain, reduce, or reverse the grade penalty. The committee will be composed of two students, two faculty members, and one instructional administrator. A majority vote will decide the grade appeal and is final.

### **Official HCC Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Students are responsible for material covered during their absences, and it is the student's responsibility to consult with instructors for makeup assignments. Class attendance is checked daily by instructors.

**Although it is the responsibility of the student to drop a course for non-attendance, the instructor has the authority to drop a student for excessive absences.**

A student may be dropped from a course for absenteeism after the student has accumulated absences in excess of 12.5 percent of the hours of instruction (including lecture and laboratory time).

For example: For a three credit-hour lecture class meeting three hours per week (48 hours of instruction), a student may be dropped after six hours of absences.

**Administrative drops are at the discretion of the instructor.** If you are doing poorly in the class, but you have not contacted your professor to ask for help, and you have not withdrawn by the official withdrawal date, it will result in you receiving a grade of "F" in the course

## NOTE: THE LAST DAY FOR STUDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE DROP THIS SEMESTER IS APRIL 1

### Course Withdrawals-First Time Freshmen Students-Fall 2007 and Later

Effective 2007, section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code applies to first-time in college freshman students who enroll in a Texas public institution of higher education in the fall semester of 2007 or thereafter. High school students currently enrolled in HCC Dual Credit and Early College are waived from this requirement until they graduate from high school.

Based on this law, **HCC or any other Texas Public institution of higher education may not permit students to drop after the official day of record more than six college level credit courses for unacceptable reasons during their entire undergraduate career.**

### Course Withdrawals

Be sure you understand HCC policies about dropping a course. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw officially from a course and prevent an "F" from appearing on the transcript. If you feel that you cannot complete this course, you will need to withdraw from the course prior to the final date of withdrawal. Before, you withdraw from your course; please take the time to meet with the instructor to discuss why you feel it is necessary to do so. The instructor may be able to provide you with suggestions that would enable you to complete the course. Your success is very important

If you plan on withdrawing from your class, you **MUST** contact a HCC counselor or your professor prior to withdrawing (dropping) the class for approval and this must be done **PRIOR** to the withdrawal deadline to receive a "W" on your transcript. **\*\*Final withdrawal deadlines vary each semester and/or depending on class length, please visit the online registration calendars, HCC schedule of classes and catalog, any HCC Registration Office, or any HCC counselor to determine class withdrawal deadlines. Remember to allow a 24-hour response time when communicating via email and/or telephone with a professor and/or counselor. Do not submit a request to discuss withdrawal options less than a day before the deadline.** If you do not withdraw before the deadline, you will receive the grade that you are making in the class as your final grade

### Early Alert Program

To help students avoid having to drop/withdraw from any class, HCC has instituted an Early Alert process by which your professor *may* "alert" you and HCC counselors that you might fail a class because of excessive absences and/or poor academic performance. It is your responsibility to visit with your professor or a counselor to learn about what, if any, HCC interventions might be available to assist you – online tutoring, child care, financial aid, job placement, etc. – to stay in class and improve your academic performance.

### Repeat Course Fee

The State of Texas encourages students to complete college without having to repeat failed classes. To increase student success, students who repeat the same course more than twice, are required to pay extra tuition. The purpose of this extra tuition fee is to encourage students to pass their courses and to graduate. Effective fall 2006, HCC will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. If you are considering course withdrawal because you are not earning passing grades, confer with your instructor/counselor as early as possible about your study habits, reading and writing homework, test taking skills, attendance, course participation, and opportunities for tutoring or other assistance that might be available.

### Individual Instructor's Requirements Statement

**As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:**

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through class activities, discussions, and examinations.
- Provide a clear description of any special projects or assignments.
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness and make up lessons.
- Provide the course outline and class calendar which will include a description of any special projects or assignments.
- Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as needed.

**To be successful in this class, it is the student's responsibility to:**

- Attend class and participate in class discussions and activities.
- Read and comprehend the textbook.
- Complete the required reading and listening assignments, and take all five exams.
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem.
- Keep copies of all paperwork, including this syllabus, handouts and all assignments.

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*pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:*

*Any student who faces challenges securing their food or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable us to provide any resources that HCC may possess.*

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*HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <http://www.hccs.edu/district/students/disability-services/>*