

South Plains College  
Department of Fine Arts

**MUSI 1307 - MUSIC LITERATURE**  
Course Syllabus

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** (3 semester hours)

A survey of the styles and forms of music as it developed from the Middle Ages to the present. This course will familiarize the student with cultural context, terminology, genres, and notation.

**FORMAT:** Traditional, face-to-face with digital/online supplements

**CAMPUS:** SPC Levelland

**TEXTBOOK:** Kerman, Tomlinson, Listen, Ninth ed.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify the major periods of music history, general style characteristics and genres of each period, and major composers of each period and representative works
2. Articulate the relationship between historical developments and events with musical styles and aesthetics.
3. Critically evaluate musical works using specific terminology and listening skills

**CORE CURRICULUM COMPONENT:**

This course satisfies (050) creative arts component of the core curriculum

The purpose of the Creative Arts component in the core curriculum is to provide the student the opportunity to develop an appreciation for the arts through an analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. This will involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.

**CORE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Communication Skills: Effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication (To be assessed via written essays and oral presentations)
2. Critical Thinking: creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis; evaluation and synthesis of information (To be assessed through exams and listening assessments in which students will identify and categorize compositions from a variety of composers, historical periods, and genres)
3. Social Responsibility: intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities (To be assessed via concert attendance projects, written and oral responses)
4. Teamwork: ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal (To be assessed via group concert programming project and other collaborative activities)

**BLACKBOARD:**

You will be required to use Blackboard in this course. If you are unfamiliar with Blackboard online resources, it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the system. More information at:  
<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/instructionaltechnology/students/students.php>

**GRADING:**

Final grade will be determined by the following weighted criteria: exams (40%), written and group assignments (30%), listening assessments (30%)

**ASSIGNED READING, LISTENING, PROJECTS:**

Please see the attached "Course Schedule" for all assignment due dates, reading schedule, listening assessments and exam times. All work must be turned in on time. Late work will result in a penalty of 15% per day. This schedule will also be available on Blackboard, and may be subject to updates/modifications throughout the semester

**ATTENDANCE:**

Students are expected to attend ALL class meetings. Unexcused absences will negatively impact the student's final grade (5% penalty per absence). Absences may be excused at the discretion of the instructor.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. A first offense will result in zero credit for that graded activity. Any subsequent offense will result in being dropped from the course with a grade of F. More information can be found in the Student Conduct area of the SPC Student Guide.

## **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE STATEMENTS & INFORMATION:**

### **COVID-19**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or get tested for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376.

### **SPC Disabilities Statement**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611 or visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/health/disabilityservices.php>.

### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

### **Diversity Statement**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### **Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cgilster@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cgilster@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.