

Music Appreciation – Course Details

Semester Long Course

COURSE OBJECTIVES: After completing the course, students will be able to:

1. Identify basic musical elements.
2. Analyze elements of music and compare and contrast elements in different musical genres.
3. Identify key musical time periods and the characteristics of music from those periods.
4. Identify significant composers and musicians from different time periods.
5. Describe different instrumentations in music.
6. Develop critiques of musical pieces based on information in the course

Unit I: Music Elements

Section 1- Basics

Section 2- Melody and Harmony

Section 3- Listening/Compare and Contrast

Unit II: Music Time Periods

Section 1- Renaissance (1450-1600)

Section 2- Baroque (1600-1750)

Section 3- Classical (1750-1820)

Section 4- Romantic (1820-1910)

Section 5- Modern (1910-present)

Unit III: Instrumentation

Section 1- Strings

Section 2- Winds

Section 3- Brass

Section 4- Percussion

Unit IV: Listening

Section 1- Response and Evaluation

Section 2- Listening Pleasure

Week by Week Course Breakdown

Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course Introduction
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 1: Introduction• Unit 1: Music Elements• Section 1: Basics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notation • Meter • Tempo • Rhythm • Articulation • Notes, pitches • Volume
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1: Music Elements Quiz • Section 2: Melody and Harmony • Introduction • Intervals and Scales • Melodic Motion • Use of rests, silence • Form • Triads, three note chords • Chords with extensions, chords with more than three notes • Musical styles • Melody and Harmony Quiz
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 3: Listening (Compare and Contrast) Introduction • Descriptive Listening Activity/Quiz • Compare/Contrast Listening Activity/Quiz • Music Elements Exam
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2: Introduction • Unit 2: Music Time Periods • Section 1: Introduction • Section 2: Medieval
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 : Music Time Periods • Section 3: Renaissance • Section 4: Baroque
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 : Music Time Periods • Section 5: Classical • Section 6: Romantic
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 : Music Time Periods • Section 7: Modern • Section 8: Popular Music

Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 2 : Music Time Periods • Time Period Discussion • Popular Music Presentation • Unit 2 Exam
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3: Introduction • Unit 3 : Musical Instruments • Section 1: Strings • Strings Quiz
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 : Musical Instruments • Section 1: Woodwinds • Woodwinds Quiz
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 : Musical Instruments • Section 1: Brass • Brass Quiz
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 3 : Musical Instruments • Section 1: Percussion • Percussion Quiz • Instrumentation Discussion • Unit 3 Instrumentation Exam
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4: Introduction • Unit 4: Listening • Section 2: Response and Evaluation • Quality Assurance Quiz
Week 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4: Listening • Section 3: Listening Pleasure
Week 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4: Listening • Section 3: Listening Pleasure Personal Rating Form Continued • Listening Example 1 • Listening Example 2 • Listening Example 3 • Listening Example Evaluation
Week 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 4: Listening • Personal Listening Preference Quiz

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Favorite Song Discussion
Week 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Industry Survey