



**SYLLABUS**  
**MUSI 1306-051-IN**  
**Music Appreciation**  
**Summer 2022**

**CLASS MEETINGS:** All online; no face-to-face except for office time/tutoring

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Paul Boyd, Professor; [pboyd@com.edu](mailto:pboyd@com.edu); 409-933-8342 (from Houston Metro) 1- 888-258-8859 Ext. 8342

Please leave a callback number if I do not answer in person.

Cindy Medford, Fine Arts Administrative Assistant, is usually available during business hours at extension 8348.

Once in the online class, please use Blackboard messages as your first choice for contacting me.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

Generally, I answer all inquiries within 48 hours or sooner, but if you email or call on Friday-Sunday, I may be occasionally out of town performing or teaching a workshop in the real world (and away from the virtual one) until Monday. Please use the “Messages” feature in Blackboard to communicate. The address given above is only in case Blackboard is not functioning. Phone calls are last resort if all others are down (this is an online course, after all), but remember I always check Blackboard first.

**OFFICE:** Fine Arts F-116 (Summer Temporary office in TVB across from Innovations)

**STUDENT (OFFICE) HOURS:** Appointments during scheduled hours (or at other times) are encouraged so that time can be devoted to each student individually. The following hours will be revised during the first week after private students are scheduled and occasionally due to performances; please note announcements on my office bulletin board and emails in Blackboard where I will inform the class.

Wed. (online) 3:00-4:00 PM or by appointment

**TEXT (Required):** *Listen*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, Joseph Kerman and Gary Tomlinson, published by W. W. Norton (**Note:** previous editions of this text are by another publisher and will no longer give you access to the course site.)

**IMPORTANT:** You will need the **student set number** I provide in the Read Me First and my introductory email, along with a **code from Norton** to get to the online quizzes!

You can choose your option; no matter what you will need access to the publisher’s Inquizitive site to do the majority of the coursework, especially the quizzes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> option is highly recommended while we are away from campus and you would have to wait on delivery:

1. Paperback with access to Inquizitive
2. 3-hole punch with access to Inquizitive

3. Ebook with access to Inquizitive: purchased at <https://digital.wwnorton.com/Listen9>

There are bound to be a few mistakes here and there in the text. Please let me know of any problems you encounter so I can try to correct them and/or compensate your grades.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/BENEFITS:** This course is designed for students with no previous training in music that wish to explore the meaning and forms of music: classical, romantic, contemporary, jazz, folk, pop. The emphasis is on learning how to listen to and appreciate music. Attendance at three out-of-class concerts required. Out-of-class listening required. May be used for fine art credit.

Benefits: In a nutshell, we will be listening to a variety of great music while developing listening skills and vocabulary for increased understanding and enjoyment. This is an academic class with specific assignments and goals, yet you may very well find it more fun than work – after all, who doesn't love music?

This course will introduce the non music major to (1) musical analysis, (2) a summary of the historical development of European musical heritage, (3) American music, and (4) the world's cultural diversity as seen through music.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Reading and quiz assignments will be due approximately twice weekly. Don't panic, you can get way ahead and many finish this course early. The chapters are short, and so are the quizzes. Discussions are easy to do, but designed to be thought-provoking and interactive. DO panic if you get behind, and catch up! **I am doing something that students told me worked well: if you notice the available dates of the assessments, you will see that they are all open until a specific time during the last week, but please go by the Calendar because even though I do not count off for being late, if you get behind there will be no extensions beyond that final date—and no incompletes for this course.**

1. *Read* your textbook whether hard copy or online. If you are really in a hurry during part of the course, focus on underlined terms and major headings. Be sure to read the biographies along the way! Also, you will really need to *listen* (hey, that's the title of your book!) since even some of the reading quiz questions will make no sense to you otherwise. Three hours per week is often more than sufficient for doing all the coursework, but naturally this varies according to your reading/writing levels and prior music experience.

2. When you are ready, take the graded Listening/Reading Quizzes by clicking on the Inquizitive icon at Norton digital (these are like games you play and you can keep going until your score is what you want!!), and try to go by the Calendar schedule. If you get behind, catch up by the final week or you will forfeit grades!

3. Complete the online Discussions, including responding to your classmates as directed.

4. Attend three concerts and write reports on them. Two can be anything you like, and the third needs to be "art music" or what we call "classical" for full credit. You'll find a section devoted to this project below in your syllabus.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus during the semester to make things clearer or to add additional opportunities for points but will notify the class in such cases.

**CONCERT REPORTS:** Three are required, and from concerts that actually take place during the semester. You can still possibly make an A if you only attend one or two, so there are no exceptions granted. You can often find free holiday concerts throughout the year if you look, and it shouldn't be difficult to find ones that match your own interests. **You can find some Concert Report Guidelines below and also in the Concerts section of the Blackboard course, and turn them in right there.** If you are absolutely unable to attend, you might still get a B. But you can go enjoy yourself and potentially get an A for it—what a bargain!

A concert should be just that, so if you go to a wedding, funeral, church service, movie, etc. it isn't about the music primarily. There are some gray areas you can ask about – a special church concert, a musical play, a street artist as long as you can provide a decent set list, and so forth. The point is that you get credit for doing something enjoyable!

**COVID-19 ADJUSTMENT:** You do not have to go to a live concert until it is completely safe. So in Blackboard I have written some new options for viewing recorded concerts online.

**GUIDELINES:** The reports should be 1-2 pages double-spaced with a font of 12-13, and should be sent through the Concerts assignment area no later than noon on the calendar due date. Refer to time and place, names of venue/performers, focus your writing mainly on **at least two** selections by title/composer, your reaction, and description of audience (dress, behavior, reaction, etc.). If I cannot open the file, I cannot grade your report, so please send as Word attachments or else just paste into your email text. Doing both to be double sure is best.

Your reports will be scanned automatically for originality, so do not copy/paste or you'll get an F and be reported to the Dean of Students! (Credited quotes are fine as long as they don't replace your own writing efforts.) For assistance in researching your reports, you may find the Virtual Librarian very helpful in finding resources in the COM Library and beyond. You'll find a link to the COM Library's Virtual Librarian page under Web Resources in the COM Resources folder.

Remember that plagiarized reports (very easy to catch and prove) are grounds for serious action!

**The Speaking, Reading and Writing Center** provides free tutoring services to students, staff and faculty seeking assistance for writing, reading and oral presentations for academic and non-academic assignments/projects. The center provides face-to-face and online tutoring sessions in a welcoming environment.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** I am often asked if there is extra credit given. In response to student demand, I have redesigned the grading formula to allow the opportunity to gain extra quiz points! There are sections interspersed throughout your e-book called "Global Perspectives." The GP Inquizitives are now built-in, so if you get a 100 on the chapters where these are included you automatically get some extra points.

Those students wishing to receive Honors Program credit may consult with me to fill out an honors contract.

**METHODS OF EVALUATION:** A variety of means to evaluate student performance is employed, such as discussion participation, written reports, and quizzes/exams on both reading and listening materials.

**GRADING FORMULA/SCALE:** As described above, you will be evaluated on work in listening/reading quizzes, discussions, and reports.

70% Quizzes – over text and listening examples. Listening Quizzes are of course different from Reading Quizzes; a few chapters have no listening required and so you will have just one quiz then. Your semester quiz grade is calculated from a total of all points. (I will add points to compensate for any questions that everyone misses due to any mistakes made by the publisher or me, plus the entire class will be curved if necessary to create a perfect total by the top student or students.)

15% Discussion participation (0-5 points each discussion)

15% Concert reports - 3 live concerts, at least one of which must be “art music.” I will inform the class from time to time of on-campus performances, which are always free. Remember to follow the format above as well as the guidelines provided in the Student Resources section from the course Homepage. Each report receives 0-5 points.

NO FINAL EXAM!!

90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 0-59=F

GRADING SCALE

- A Superior achievement of course objectives.
- B Outstanding achievement of course objectives.
- C Achievement of minimum course objectives. (Not recommended in your major!)
- D Marginal achievement of course objectives.
- F Failure to achieve course objectives.
- W Withdrawal on or before the “W” date as specified in the College Calendar.\*

NOTE: This instructor regrettably does not award incompletes. You will have to enroll again and start over if you don’t finish.

\*For more information, go to this semester’s college schedule. It is your responsibility to withdraw from the course officially by contacting Admissions and completing the necessary paperwork.

**MAKE-UP/LATE WORK:** The final due date is exactly that: final. Incompletes are not given in this course. Work completed after the final deadline will not count. Do not wait until late in the semester to “catch up” since you may encounter difficulties that we will not have enough time to work through together.

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

Note: The following is a general outline of the schedule as planned. Some adjustments may be made during the course of each semester according to needs of the class, weather closings, holidays, etc. Consult the Calendar for up-to-date changes that will be posted there if needed.

## **Fall/Spring course**

- Week 1: Course Navigation, Introduction to Listening Resources  
Discussion on Musical Preferences
- Week 2: Readings and quizzes on basic elements/vocabulary
- Week 3: Assignment and quiz: melody, harmony, tonality/modality, instrumentation,  
Assignment and quiz: form  
Listening quiz on all elements
- Week 4: Assignment and quizzes: Middle Ages  
Assignment and quizzes: Renaissance
- Week 5: Assignment and quizzes: Baroque (early)  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque (late)
- Week 6: Assignment and quizzes: Baroque Instrumental Music  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque Vocal Music
- Week 7: Assignment and quizzes: Background: the Enlightenment  
Assignment and quizzes: The Classical Symphony
- Week 8: Assignment and quizzes: Other Genres of the Classic Era  
Assignment and quizzes: Beethoven
- Week 9: Assignment and quizzes: Background: Romanticism  
Assignment and quizzes: Early Romantic Composers
- Week 10: Assignment and quizzes: Opera in the 1800's  
Assignment and quizzes: Late Romantic Composers
- Week 11: Assignment and quizzes: Background: Modernism  
Assignment and quizzes: Early Modern Composers
- Week 12: Assignment and quizzes: Other styles after 1900  
Discussion on Meaning of Music
- Week 13: Assignment and quizzes: Music of the late 1900's
- Week 14: Assignment and quizzes: Music in the U.S.  
Discussion on musical selections heard during the semester
- Week 15: Readings, Listening, and Quizzes: Global (Multicultural) Perspectives
- Week 16: Concert Reports (3) due

## **Summer (5-week) course**

- Week 1: Course Navigation, Introduction to Listening Resources  
Discussion on Musical Preferences  
Readings and quizzes on basic elements/vocabulary  
Assignment and quiz: melody, harmony, tonality/modality, instrumentation,  
Assignment and quiz: form  
Listening quiz on all elements  
Assignment and quizzes: Middle Ages
- Week 2: Assignment and quizzes: Renaissance  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque (early)  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque (late)  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque Instrumental Music  
Assignment and quizzes: Baroque Vocal Music  
Assignment and quizzes: Background: the Enlightenment
- Week 3: Assignment and quizzes: The Classical Symphony  
Assignment and quizzes: Other Genres of the Classic Era

- Assignment and quizzes: Beethoven
- Assignment and quizzes: Background: Romanticism
- Assignment and quizzes: Early Romantic Composers
- Assignment and quizzes: Opera in the 1800's
- Week 4: Assignment and quizzes: Late Romantic Composers
- Assignment and quizzes: Background: Modernism
- Assignment and quizzes: Early Modern Composers
- Assignment and quizzes: Other styles after 1900
- Discussion on Meaning of Music
- Assignment and quizzes: Music of the late 1900's
- Week 5: Assignment and quizzes: Music in the U.S.
- Discussion on musical selections heard during the semester
- Readings, Listening, and Quizzes: Global (Multicultural) Perspectives
- Concert Reports (3) due

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** The instructor reserves the right to drop or fail any student who has not logged in for two weeks for any reason. However, do not assume that you will be automatically dropped. Most likely you will not, and it is up to you to contact Dr. Boyd and/or drop *before* "W" day if you are concerned about your grade. **You will need to fill out the drop form and turn it in yourself.**

**TARDINESS:** This is not applicable to online courses, but if you are more than five minutes late to a tutoring/office appointment, the instructor may leave to conduct other college business.

### **STUDENT LEARNER OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion, you will be able to:

- 1) Identify musical works and elements in a variety of styles. (See Critical Thinking objective below.)
- 2) Analyze the elements and structures of music using appropriate terminology - especially genres, melody, rhythm, harmony, form, and expression. (See Teamwork objective below.)
- 3) Critically evaluate the influence of social, political, technological, and/or cultural ideas on music. (See Communication Skills objective below.)
- 4) Articulate the significance of music as an art form within historical, cultural and social contexts. (See Social Responsibility objective below.)

### **CORE OBJECTIVES**

This course is part of the core curriculum and therefore satisfies our Creative Arts requirement. The following competencies are part of the core, and are listed below with information on their inclusion and means of assessment in this course as mandated by the state's Coordinating Board:

- 1) Critical Thinking (CT): Required (SLO #1—see above section)  
Assessment of your creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information is done through our final Discussion project in which you are to

sum up by giving your rationale for choosing a favorite and least favorite work from the style periods studied during the semester.

- 2) **Teamwork: Required (SLO #2)** Assessment of your ability to consider different points of view and to work with others effectively to support a shared purpose or goal will be made through our Discussion project on the elements of music in which the class members work together to create effective definitions of the art form.
- 3) **Communication Skills: Required (SLO #3)**  
Your ability to develop, interpret, and express ideas through written communication is assessed through three concert reports.
- 4) **Social Responsibility: Required (SLO #4)**  
Intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities is assessed on a special Discussion in the Concerts area on concert decorum awareness and how it varies widely according to contexts.

<b>Student Learner Outcome</b>	<b>Maps to Core Objective</b>	<b>Assessed via this Assignment</b>
1. Identify styles of historic musical periods and current musical trends.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Discussion Project
2. Show effective teamwork through participatory group activity.	Teamwork (TW)	Discussion Project
3. Demonstrate through written communication your ability to analyze elements of music, especially genres, melody, rhythm, harmony, form, and expression.	Communication Skills (CS1)	Concert Reports
4. Demonstrate awareness of concert decorum appropriate to the venue/occasion/culture.	Social Responsibility	Discussion Project

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

**PLAGIARISM:** Plagiarism is using someone else’s words or ideas and claiming them as your own. Plagiarism is a very serious offense. Plagiarism includes paraphrasing someone else’s words without giving proper citation, copying directly from a website and pasting it into your paper, using someone else’s words without quotation marks. Any assignment containing any plagiarized material will receive a **grade of zero** and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

**Avoiding Plagiarism-resources:**

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

<http://cmsw.mit.edu/writing-and-communication-center/avoiding-plagiarism/>

**STUDENT CONCERNS:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, the next step is to please contact Dean Rocky Barney at 409-933-8727 or [rbarney@com.edu](mailto:rbarney@com.edu).

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## Institutional Policies and Guidelines

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook. <[https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.* [https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf)

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Holly Bankston at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

**Counseling Statement:** Any student needing counseling services is requested to please contact Holly Bankston in the student success center at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). Counseling services are available on campus in the student center for free and students can also email [counseling@com.edu](mailto:counseling@com.edu) to set up their appointment. Appointments are strongly encouraged; however, some concerns may be addressed on a walk-in basis.

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw is July 1 for Summer I; August 5 for Summer II.

**F<sub>N</sub> Grading:** The F<sub>N</sub> grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The F<sub>N</sub> grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed



to withdraw. The issuing of the F<sub>N</sub> grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an F<sub>N</sub> grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**COVID-19 Statement:** All students, faculty, and staff are expected to familiarize themselves with materials and information contained on the College of the Mainland's Coronavirus Information site at [www.com.edu/coronavirus](http://www.com.edu/coronavirus). In compliance with the Governor's executive order, face coverings/masks will no longer be required on COM campus. Protocols and college signage are being updated. We will no longer enforce any COM protocol that requires face coverings. We continue to encourage all members of the COM community to distance when possible, use hygiene measures, and get vaccinated to protect against COVID-19. Please visit [com.edu/coronavirus](http://com.edu/coronavirus) for future updates.

**TECHNOLOGY OUTAGE:** In case of campus, Blackboard, and/or Norton outage, please inform me of any work you were not able to complete in Blackboard Messages or through my campus email. Normally you will be allowed to restart or complete the work.

### **TIPS FOR SUCCESS/ WHERE DO I START ONLINE?**

Go to the **Calendar** daily in Blackboard (on the left when you reach the homepage). It will keep you on track. Do your **Quizzes (Study your Ebook and then take these in order in the Inquizitive area)**, **Discussions**, and **Concert Reports** by the deadlines. Message me in Blackboard whenever you have a question. Concert Reports are to be sent through Blackboard email (see next section). Practice taking quizzes at the publisher's website listed above. If you call behind calendar deadlines, catch up as quickly as possible. You will notice the pace is approximately two chapters per week in fall/spring; six chapters per week in summer.

You can get help with technology right in the Blackboard site.

**CLASSROOM CONDUCT POLICY:** College of the Mainland requires that students enrolled at COM be familiar with the Standards of Student Conduct, which can be found in the on-line Student Handbook. <http://www.com.edu/student-services/student-handbook>. Students should act in a professional manner at all times. Disruptive students will be held accountable according to college policy. Any violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a referral to the Office for student Conduct and may result in dismissal from this class.