



MUSC&105 Online – Music Appreciation

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Syllabus*

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Textbook: *Experience Music*, by Katherine Charlton (McGraw-Hill, 3rd ed.)

Course Overview

OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- Articulate the difference between active, interactive and passive listening.
- Describe a skill set related to actively listening to music.
- Articulate an inventory of their listening skills, their openness and their interests in relationship to a variety of musical styles..
- Identify the elements of music and how composers use them in the creation of music.
- Demonstrate an understanding and the use of a basic body of musical terminology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills and the activities that can make the experience of attending a concert more meaningful.
- Describe the cultural norms of each of the periods of music history, how they vary, how they influence and are reflected in the art of the each period of music history.
- Identify major composers of each of the periods of music history and describe the characteristic of their music as well as the cultural influences that affected their lives.
- Identify a repertoire of music by sound, period of music, composer, and stylistic characteristics, and relate it to its historical, cultural, and technical context.
- Demonstrate their listening skill level by reviewing live musical events.

HOW OUTCOMES WILL BE MET

The activities of this course provide students practical listening experiences to build new listening skills and the structure and background to experience music at a more meaningful level. The class normally comprises six units focused on listening techniques, the elements of music, vocabulary for discussing music, and the historical styles of the art music (“classical music”) of western composers.

Each unit contains a series of reading assignments, listening exercises and a unit exam. In addition, students will complete a Concert Review Project, built around attendance at a live classical music concert, to hone their listening and musical discussion skills.

GRADING POLICY

A-level work:

- is excellently done, and goes well beyond the minimum requirements of the assignment.
- demonstrates a high degree of intellectual engagement in the assignment and enthusiasm for learning.
- is well organized, submitted on time, and communicates ideas clearly, with a minimum of spelling and grammar errors.
- displays excellent analytical thinking skills, originality and insight, and the ability to recognize and synthesize relevant facts and concepts.
- demonstrates a high degree of understanding of and facility with the ideas and skills taught in the course, including the ability to recognize and describe musical events using appropriate terminology and concepts, and an openness to unfamiliar types of music and ways of listening.

B-level work:

- is good work that clearly goes beyond minimum requirements for the assignment.
- is on the right track to “A” work, but does not score as highly on the criteria outlined for above for “A” work.

C-level work:

- is acceptable, but only minimally meets expectations and minimal requirements for the assignment, and scores only at threshold levels on the criteria outlined for above for “A” work.
- typically demonstrates inconsistent or merely superficial understanding of or facility with course concepts and skills, and little intellectual engagement in the activity.

D-level work:

- is substandard.
- clearly lacks sufficient content and depth of thought, demonstrates only limited understanding of course concepts or interest in the assigned activity, and falls substantially short of fulfilling the minimum assignment requirements and the expectations outlined above.

F-level work:

- is unacceptable and not worthy of a passing grade.
- falls far below the minimum requirements of the assignment, demonstrates only the most minimal level of effort and intellectual engagement in the activity, and meets virtually none of the requirements and the expectations outlined above.

GRADE WEIGHTING

Final grades are determined by student performance on the various class assignments and exams, in approximately the following proportions:

Concert review project	15%
Class discussions & other assignments	30%
Unit exams (6 total)	55%

Subject to change as warranted, letter grades are assigned according to the following ranges. (These are "subject to change because I occasionally apply a curve at the end of the quarter to the benefit of student grades, to offset the difficulty of the exams).

A	94-100%
A-	91-93%
B+	88-90%
B	85-87%
B-	82-84%
C+	79-81%
C	76-78%
C-	73-75%
D+	70-72%
D	67-69%
F	<67%

EXAMS

Every unit concludes with an exam that includes questions related to identifying and describing musical examples from the unit (approximately 20% of each exam), as well as multiple-choice, true/false, matching and other "objective" questions about factual course content.

There is no mid-term or final exam.

All of the exams are "open-book," meaning students may refer to the textbook and online readings, their notes, and the musical examples during the test. However, the exams all have time limits, and there won't be enough time to look up every answer. Students should still prepare ahead of time as they would for any other test.

The exams all differ in length and total points, but they all weigh equally in the final grade calculation -- except for the lowest score for each student, which is dropped from the grades altogether.

MY UNUSUAL ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE POLICY

The policy on assignment deadlines is **much different** in this class than in most others. Because online courses are meant to provide flexibility for the student, **all assignments and exams** (unless otherwise specified, as for assignments 1-3 of the Concert Review Project) **will be due by midnight on the final day of the quarter, regardless of the**

deadline shown on the course calendar or on the assignment or exam itself.

Earlier deadlines that will appear on the calendar and on the individual assignments and quizzes are merely SUGGESTED due dates, to indicate the pace at which a student *should* be progressing in order to stay “on schedule.”

Please note: This policy rests on the assumption that college students are adults and therefore sufficiently mature to manage their own workloads effectively. **It is important to respond accordingly.** Don't fall behind, as **it is extremely difficult to catch up at the end of the quarter in this class because of the time you need to invest listening to the music.**

BOOKS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

The sole textbook required for this class: *Experience Music*, by Katherine Charlton (McGraw-Hill, 3rd ed.).

Classroom Learning Atmosphere

HOW TO SUCCEED IN MUSC&105

This class will not be difficult if you follow these simple suggestions:

- Recognize that this course **is not just about reading about music; it's more about listening to music.** So plan to spend a good amount of time on this activity. Listen carefully, several times, to all of the music examples covered in the textbook -- without distractions from phones, computers, conversations, TV, etc. -- using the listening guides in the textbook to quickly absorb what you need to know.
Fair warning: The exams will include a number of music-identification questions in which you will listen to a piece of music, then answer questions about it. These questions won't be hard at all if you prepare properly.
- Be sure to participate fully in each of the class discussions (instructions are provided with each topic). *These are easy points*, and they combine to make up *significant* portion of your grade.
- Stay on schedule with the suggested deadlines shown on the course calendar and on the individual exams and assignments (see "My Unusual Assignment Deadline Policy," above). Becoming familiar with the musical examples takes some time, which means the content of the course is nearly impossible to cram at the last hour. So make it easy on yourself by doing a little bit each day.
- Monitor your grades and take the initiative to seek help from the instructor when needed. I'll be glad to do whatever I can to assist you.
- Don't make the mistake of assuming online courses are easier than on-campus courses; they are not. In an on-campus version of this class you would expect to spend approximately 1 hour per day in class and another 1½ to 2 hours per day studying. Devote at least that much time to this online version.
- **DO NOT** use wording from the work of others, or even paraphrase it, without indicating the source. This is plagiarism and can result in your failing the course and/or placement on academic probation. A good resource for information on how to

avoid plagiarism is the BC Writing

Lab: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/writinglab/Plagiarism.html>

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STUDENT CODE - Class conduct

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: ... inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

The Student Code (BC Policy 2050) may be found in full at: http://bellevuecollege.edu/policies/2/2050_Student_Code.asp

Information about Bellevue Colleges copyright guidelines can be found at: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/lmc/links/copyright.html>

Important Links

DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

- **Email:** disted@bellevuecollege.edu
- **Phone:** (425) 564-2438 or 1 (877) 641-2712 (toll-free)
- **Office:** Bellevue College Main Campus, Room A140
- **Web page:** <http://bellevuecollege.edu/distance/>

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (DRC)

The Disability Resource Center serves students with a wide array of learning challenges and disabilities. If you have a disability or learning challenge for which you have documentation, or you have seen someone for treatment, and if you feel you may need accommodations in order to be successful in college, please contact the DRC as soon as possible.

If you require assistance in case of an emergency situation, such as a fire, earthquake, etc, please meet with your instructor immediately.

The DRC office is located in B132. The reception desk can be reached at 425-564-2498. Deaf students can contact the DRC by video phone at 425-440-2025 or by TTY at 425-564-4110.

Please visit the DRC website, at www.bellevuecollege.edu/drc, for program and application information other helpful links.

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The Bellevue College Public Safety Department staff provides personal safety, security and crime-prevention services to the campus community 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Public Safety is located in room K100 and on the web at:

<http://bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/>. Contact Public Safety by phone at 425-564-2400.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

- **Enrollment Calendar**

<http://bellevuecollege.edu/enrollment/calendar/deadlines/>

Dates for admissions, registration, withdrawing and receiving tuition refunds.

- **College Calendar**

<http://bellevuecollege.edu/enrollment/calendar/holidays/1011.asp>

Quarter end and start dates, holidays, scheduled closures, and final exam dates and times.

STUDENT SERVICES

- [Academic Success Center](#)
- [Advising](#)
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