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MUH 3211: Music History and Literature I (3 credit hours)

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Class Meeting Times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-10:20am


Class Location: VAB 132

Course Description:

This course serves as the first semester in an historical study of Western Art Music (commonly referred to as “Classical Music”) from Antiquity and continuing up to circa 1800. The genres we will study are those in the category of Western Art Music (loosely defined), and we will explore the musical, cultural, historical, political, and where applicable, economic foundations of music during this time. The prerequisite for this class is a grade of a ‘C’ or better in MUL 2720, MUH 3633, and MUT 1122.

Textbook and Other Materials

There are three materials for this course:

1. Mark Evan Bonds, *A History of Music in Western Culture*, 4th ed. (Pearson, 2013). Here is a copy of the book: [Mark Evan Bonds - History of Music in Western Culture-Pearson \(2013\) 978-0205867226.pdf](#) 

2. Bonds, *Anthology of Scores for A History of Music in Western Culture*, 4th ed., Vols. 1 & 2. You can either use older copies of these or use any score collection site to download pdfs of the scores we will analyze in class. I will provide a copy of the pieces we are going to analyze for

each unit. Here is one such spot to download scores: [https://imslp.org/wiki/Main_Page_\(Links_to_an_external_site.\)](https://imslp.org/wiki/Main_Page_(Links_to_an_external_site.))

Under no circumstance is not having access to the required course materials an acceptable excuse for failing to complete assignments or doing poorly on tests. You will also need to have access to Spotify or YouTube to access the recordings for the course. The publisher of your text no longer prints the CDs that accompany the anthologies so this is going to save you a TON of \$\$\$!!!

Finally, you must have access to the internet and the ability to check your Knights email and the webcourse for this class ON A REGULAR BASIS for important class updates, information about examinations and assignments, etc. There is also a Canvas page for this course where you'll find information about the writing assignments, review guides, and other important details of the class.

Course Goals and Objectives: By the end of this course, the student will—

- Learn the basic terminology and nomenclature to discuss Western Art Music from Antiquity until approximately 1800
- Develop critical listening skills applicable to all types of music
- Become familiar with important Western Art Music composers, compositions, and stylistic traits from Antiquity until 1800
- Develop an understanding of Western Art Music's social and cultural context from Antiquity until 1800

Course Evaluation and Grading:

There will be four written exams that you will take throughout the semester. Three of the written exams will fall during the normal course of the semester, and the last will be your final exam. Each will consist of questions from lectures, the text, and the music that we will listen to. There are four Listening and Analysis Exams that accompany each of the compositional periods we encounter. You will also have an online quiz and three writing assignments as part of your core requirements. **The dates for the exams are below. You will be notified of any changes to the testing schedule in class and on webcourses.** Here is a simple breakdown of my course grading and the dates on which your exams will fall:

1. Listening Exam #1 (over Antiquity): Worth 7.5% of your final grade, **on 16 September**
2. Written Exam #1 (over Antiquity): Worth 10% of your final grade, **on 18 September**
3. Listening and Analysis Exam #2 (over the Renaissance): 7.5% **on 12 October**
4. Written Exam #2 (over the Renaissance): 10% **14 October**

5. Listening and Analysis Exam #3 (over the Baroque Era): 7.5% **on 6 November**
6. Written Exam #3 (over the Baroque Era): 10% **on 9 November**

7. Listening and Analysis Exam #4 (over the Classical Era): 7.5% **Available on 30 November. You have until 11:59pm on 4 December to complete it.**
8. Written Exam #4 (over the Classical Era): 10% **This will serve as your final exam and it will fall on Friday 11 December. This is NOT a cumulative Final Exam. I will email you the exam as you have until 11:59pm on 12 December to submit it to me.**
9. Program Notes Writing Assignment: 20% (a combination of the Writing About Music Quiz, formatting exercise, pre-program notes assignment, and the culminating assignment). **Please see the online Module for due dates.**
10. Attendance and Participation: 10%

MUH 3211 Sequence of Course Activity

Week One: Course Orientation; Ch. 1

Week Two: **Discussion Post to Record Academic Activity Due**; Chapters 1 & 2

Week Three: Chapter 2

Week Four: Chapters 2 & 3; Listening Exam #1 and Written Exam #1

Week Five: Chapter 4; Writing About Music Quiz due online

Week Six: Chapter 5

Week Seven: Chapter 6

Week Eight: Chapter 6; Listening and Analysis Exam #2 and Written Exam #2

Week Nine: Chapter 7 & 8 Program Formatting Assignment due online

Week 10: Chapter 9 & 10

Week 11: Chapter 10 and Listening and Analysis Exam #3 and Written Exam #3

Week 12: Chapter 11; Pre-Program Notes Assignment due online

Week 13: Chapter 11 & 12

Week 14: Chapter 13; Culminating Program Notes due online

Week 15: Listening and Analysis Exam #4

Final Exam: Written Exam #4 (non-cumulative)

As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than 18 January. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

You will complete a short discussion board assignment to fulfill this requirement.

Attendance:

Should this course shift to remote-only instruction, the university has provided several resources to assist students with learning:

[https://digitalllearning.ucf.edu/newsroom/keeplearning/Links to an external site.](https://digitalllearning.ucf.edu/newsroom/keeplearning/Links%20to%20an%20external%20site)

Required Statement Regarding COVID-19

University-Wide Face Covering Policy for Common Spaces and Face-to-Face Classes

To protect members of our community, everyone is required to wear a facial covering inside all common spaces including classrooms
(<https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf>[Links to an external site.](#)). Students who choose not to wear facial coverings will be asked to leave the classroom by the instructor. If they refuse to leave the classroom or put on a facial covering, they may be considered disruptive (please see the [Golden Rule](#)[Links to an external site.](#) for student behavior expectations). Faculty have the right to cancel class if the safety and well-being of class members are in jeopardy. Students will be responsible for the material that would have been covered in class as provided by the instructor.

Notifications in Case of Changes to Course Modality

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for announcements or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

COVID-19 and Illness Notification

Students who believe they may have a COVID-19 diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place.

Students should not come to campus if they are ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID-19 symptoms. CDC guidance for COVID-19 symptoms is located here: (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> (Links to an external site.))

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for any illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made. When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

In Case of Faculty Illness

If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for announcements or mail in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

Course Accessibility and Disability COVID-19 Supplemental Statement

Accommodations may need to be added or adjusted should this course shift from an on-campus to a remote format. Students with disabilities should speak with their instructor and should contact sas@ucf.edu to discuss specific accommodations for this or other courses.

I will take attendance EVERY DAY and you will be expected to contribute to the class discussions I hope to have. You are allowed to miss THREE classes (the equivalent to one week's worth of class) before the attendance portion of your grade is affected negatively. If you are more than TEN minutes late to class, you will be marked absent for that day. Here is a breakdown of how I will penalize the attendance portion of your grade for absences:

Number of Absences	Penalties
0-3	No Penalty
4	Deduction to attendance grade in this manner: an A will become an A-; a B+ will become a B, and so on.
5	Deduction to attendance grade in this manner: an A will become a B+; a B+ will become a B- and so on.

6	Deduction to attendance grade of a full letter grade (e.g., an A will become a B; a B becomes a C, etc.
7	Deduction to attendance grade of TWO full letter grades (e.g., an A becomes a C)
8 or more	Deduction to attendance grade of THREE letter grades.

Grading Scale

This course adopts the following scale to assign grades:

A: 93-100%

A-: 90-92%

B+: 87-89%

B: 83-86%

B-: 80-82%

C+: 77-79%

C: 73-76%

C-: 70-72%

D+: 67-69%

D: 63-66%

D-: 60-62%

F: 59% and below

Make-up Policies: There will be no make-up exams for any unexcused absence. If you miss a scheduled exam for any reason other than the circumstances listed below, you will not be permitted to take a make-up exam. I cannot impress upon you how strict I am with this rule. Furthermore, if you decide to withdraw from my class, please make sure that you are aware of the withdrawal deadline posted by the UCF Registrar. I do not withdraw students from my roster and should you stop coming to class after the withdrawal deadline, you will remain on my grade sheet and you will receive the grade you earned until the point at which you stopped attending.

1. Death in the immediate family that occurred within the 7 days preceding the scheduled exam.
2. Personal illness (any type), for which you will need to provide a doctor's note.
3. Any college-related activity that can be documented by another professor, coach, or administrator.
4. Personal observance of a recognized religious holiday
5. Any Military obligation that requires the student to be off campus.

Course Accessibility Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) <http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/Links to an external site.> (Ferrell Commons 185, sas@ucf.edu, phone 407-823-2371). Through Student Accessibility Services, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential access and accommodations that might be reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student.

Classroom Policies

In addition to attending class regularly and participating in discussions, I do not have many rules for the classroom. You are expected to behave professionally during lectures and discussions in order to foster a positive learning environment for all students. If you are to bring a laptop to class in order to take notes, please feel free to do so. However, you may not use your computer to IM, text, play games, do work for another class, surf the net, etc. Please be sensible about this to avoid losing the privilege. Cell phone use is an entirely separate matter, however. **TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL PHONES PRIOR TO ENTERING CLASS.** If your phone happens to go off or if you are caught texting during a lecture, **YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASSROOM.** Furthermore, any use of an electronic device during an exam (i.e., the use of a cell phone, PDA, pager, etc. to call another individual, check voice mail, take a picture, or text message) is considered cheating. If you are caught using an electronic device during your exam, your test will be taken, and you will receive a zero. Although the use of an electronic device may seem innocent to you during an exam, I will strictly enforce this rule and will make no exceptions.

Here are further protocols for my course:

Academic integrity will be appraised according to the student academic behavior standards outlined in *The Golden Rule of the University of Central Florida's Student Handbook*. See <http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/> for further details.

1. **ANY INCIDENT OF CHEATING IN MY CLASS will result in you (and any other student(s) involved) receiving a ZERO for that examination or assignment and I will issue a Disciplinary Sanction Review against the suspected individuals.**

Students should familiarize themselves with [UCF's Rules of Conduct](#)[Links to an external site.](#). According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in

1. Unauthorized assistance: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
2. Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
3. Commercial Use of Academic Material: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
4. Falsifying or misrepresenting the student's own academic work.
5. Plagiarism: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
6. Multiple Submissions: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
7. Helping another violate academic behavior standards.

For more information about Academic Integrity, students may consult [The Center for Academic Integrity](#) [\(Links to an external site.\)](#).

For more information about plagiarism and misuse of sources, see "[Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices](#) [\(Links to an external site.\)](#)."

Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating

Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, [The Golden Rule](#)[Links to an external site.](#). UCF faculty

members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary respond to academic misconduct. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, suspension or expulsion from the university, and/or a "Z Designation" on a student's official transcript indicating academic dishonesty, where the final grade for this course will be preceded by the letter Z. For more information about the Z Designation, click [here](#)Links to an external site..

Rules for E-mailing me/Other items:

1. **You may only email me regarding this course from your "Knights" email or through the email utility on the Canvas page for this course. Do not email me from any other email account that you have (Hotmail, Gmail, AOL, etc.). I will not answer any email from an account that isn't officially linked to UCF**
2. Be patient. Don't expect an immediate response when you send a message. Generally, one day is considered reasonable amount of time to receive a reply. I am usually *VERY* good about answering emails right away (except for the weekends), so please grant me that extension.
3. Include "Subject" headings: use something that is descriptive and refer to a particular assignment or topic.
4. Keep up with the reading. You have a lot of information and listening materials to prepare for my class. Students who keep up with the reading tend to do much better in this kind of class than those who do not.
5. If you have a work conflict during a quiz or examination, **I WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST TO TAKE THE EXAM AT ANOTHER TIME.** You need to plan ahead if you work *RIGHT AWAY*.

ALWAYS SIGN YOUR EMAILS WITH YOUR NAME, PID NUMBER, AND THE COURSE IN WHICH YOU ARE ENROLLED WITH ME. In any given semester, I have more than 500 students spread across 5 different classes. This will help me address your needs more immediately.

Campus Safety Statement

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise during class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of their surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Students should make a note of the guide's physical location and review the online version at http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.htmlLinks to an external site..
- Students should know the evacuation routes from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a medical emergency during class, students may need to access a first-aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those are located, see

<http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/workplacesafety.html>Links to an external site. (click on link from menu on left).

- To stay informed about emergency situations, students can sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to ucf.eduLinks to an external site. and logging in. Click on “Student Self Service” located on the left side of the screen in the toolbar, scroll down to the blue “Personal Information” heading on the Student Center screen, click on “UCF Alert”, fill out the information, including e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click “Apply” to save the changes, and then click “OK.”
- Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.
- To learn about how to manage an active-shooter situation on campus or elsewhere,



consider viewing this [video \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Here is to a productive semester studying music!

******As the instructor of this course, I reserve the right to modify this syllabus at my discretion. Any changes will be announced in class******