**Communication Skills**

Not every assignment will be collected in D2L through LiveText, the assessment management system selected by SFA to collect student work for core curriculum.

Assessment of these objectives at SFA will be based on student work from all core curriculum courses. Assessment of these objectives at SFA will be based on student work from all core curriculum courses. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives.

The chart below indicates the core objectives addressed by this course, the assignment(s) that will be used to assess the objectives in this course and uploaded to LiveText this semester, and the date the assignment(s) should be uploaded to LiveText.

Not every assignment will be collected for assessment every semester. Your instructor will notify you which assignment(s) must be submitted for assessment in LiveText this semester.

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**Concert Review Project 25% (Required Due The Day Of The Final)** This is concert review, you will write One Concert Review. (650-900 words for this project which is about four pages long. **NO .wps or .pages** I cannot open these files, save as a .txt if you need in your word processing software. You must use either .doc, .docx, .txt or .pdf. I can not open other formats.

**Concert Review** is due on the Day Of The Final. I will not except this project after this date. You may go to any music concert of any genre of music as long as the concert is about an hour long. You will turn into D2L:

One four page paper with Part 1 and Part 2 clearly listed, have an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion for each part of the concert review.

**Part 1: Personal experience and expectations (50%)**
- Use the first 2 pages of the paper to discuss the following:
  - Your expectations for the concert (it may be a good idea to do this ahead of time).
  - Discuss your own personal musical tastes and experiences (Cultural Self-Awareness)
  - What kind of music do you listen to? Your family? Friends?
  - Have you attended any concerts? Describe your experience(s). What values motivate behavior in this musical culture? What are the expected behaviors at this type of concert?
  - How does this musical culture differ from the culture experienced at the concert you attended, or does it? (Cultural Worldview Framework)
  - What values motivate behavior in Western art music culture? How are they similar/dissimilar to what you’re accustomed to?
  - How did the expected behaviors and social interactions at a “classical” concert differ from your past experiences?
  - Were they followed at this concert? How do you feel about them? (Civic Responsibility/Concert Etiquette)

**Part 2: Concert Experience (50%)**
- Use the next 2 pages of the paper to describe your concert experience (Critical Thinking)
  - Discuss the hall the music was performed in
  - Discuss the audience
  - Most importantly, discuss the music itself using the musical terminology learned in class
  - What was your overall reaction to the concert?
    - Tell the reasons that you enjoyed or did not enjoy the concert.
    - Discuss whether you feel the performers have skill/talent as musicians.
    - Can you appreciate the talent of the performers even if you do not care for the genre or style of music?

**Musical accuracy:** Your description and evaluation of the concert must be clear and thorough. From your concert experience, please analyze to the best of your ability the music that you heard, and how it affects you.

**Musical terminology:** Use musical language that you understand. Discussing and analyzing the separate elements such as rhythm, melody, harmony, texture, form, or any other information learned in class is encouraged. Ideally, you will discuss how these elements are synthesized to create a successful piece of music.

**In your conclusion, please sum up your experience in the report, based on the analysis of different elements of the concert.**

Grammar and sentence structure: As this is a university class, I expect university level writing from you; please proofread your papers carefully for errors.

If you encounter any difficulties with the syntax of your paper, resort to the Academic Assistance and Resource Center (AARC). You may NOT copy or paraphrase sentences from previous papers of yours written in this class.

You may NOT plagiarize. (Put everything in your own words.)

**Follow the format, have an introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion for the concert review.**

Attending Live Classical Concerts.
1. Get there early
2. Wear conservative clothes
3. NO TALKING DURING THE CONCERT PERIOD!

4. NO CELLPHONE USE PERIOD!

5. You must stay for the full concert. (DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME – attend another concert.

6. Clap after the concert – wait to clap if you don’t know when to clap between compositions.

7. Walk out in an orderly manner.

8. NO EATING, DRINKING, CELL PHONES or TALKING DURING ANY CLASSICAL CONCERT HERE AT SFA!

You may go to any concert, classical, jazz, rock, etc. The concert may be at SFA as well as anywhere else. It is preferred that you attend a live concert, however you may watch a concert on TV, DVD or Online.

As music deals with expression of subtleties in a variety of ways it is very important to keep quiet during a performance. Any audible noise or visual distraction disturbs both the performer and the other listeners. Therefore, please follow polite etiquette behavior and refrain from making noise and unnecessary motions. Being considerate to those people that have come to enjoy the music is necessary.

If I witness, or my colleagues tell me about the presence of such disturbing activities during a concert event, I reserve the right to lower the final grade of the student by one letter!

Music Time Capsule Project (Core Curriculum Class And Home Work Due At Midterm):

You will Turn In These Three Items:
1. Teamwork Assessment form (Peer Review Form)
2. Report on the Class Project
3. Link To The Video (Put this link in your Report on the Class Project and in the comment area on D2L)

Historical background
The Voyager program was an American scientific program that launched two unmanned space missions, the probes Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, launched in 1977. Included with each probe is a Golden Record.

The Voyager Golden Records are phonograph recordings, which contain sounds and images selected to portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth, and are intended for any intelligent extraterrestrial life form, or for future humans, who may find them. Here is link if you would like to learn more about this program.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voyager_program

Part 1) Planning Portion/ Peer Review (Teamwork/Critical thinking)

The class will work on their teamwork skills by breaking up into groups (assigned by the instructor during the first three weeks of class in the Group Area In D2L) with the charge of creating a list of ten selections that will represent the diversity of musical expression of the Western World (the world that we live in). Do your best to include pieces from varying chronological, stylistic, and cultural settings. Each individual member will first create his/her list of ten selections. This will also be used for The Video (see below). The team will then work together to create a final list, the process and results of which will be the subject of The Report (see below). Once the Teamwork portion is finished, each student will complete and submit a Teamwork Assessment Form/ Peer Review Form (available on D2L). This form evaluates the contributions of each member of the team and will be kept confidential.

Remember to think globally instead of only locally or individually; the purpose of this project is to pick music that encompasses the sum of Western musical achievement. It is possible to include selections of music that you may not personally like or identify with. Use the Internet to listen to different types of music. Use your class notes, textbook and online recordings. Consult with your classmates, friends, siblings, cousins, parents, grandparents, etc., to gain a broader perspective.

You can look at the Contents of the Voyager Golden Record to help with some ideas.

Teamwork is very important in your future careers. Employers look in their future employees the ability to work, organize and complete group tasks. This part of the Music Time Capsule Project will help you gain some of these skills.

I will email you in the online class or if you are in the face-to-face class pick the members of your group during class. You will get your teams together before the first test. There will be about four members in each group. If your group has members that are NOT contacting or doing the group work, you can mark them down in the Teamwork Assessment form/Peer Review Form.

As soon as you get your group members, I would recommend you start to work on the group work. You must start working your group by the Midterm (Unit 2 Tests). The Teamwork Assessment form/Peer Review Form is due the day of the final, however you turn it in once you have completed your group work. I would estimate that it would take from two to four hours to complete the group work. While you have all semester to complete this assignment, you need to get together online, videoconference, email, chat, etc. to complete this part of the assignment as soon as possible. You need this part to complete part two of Music Time Capsule Project.

The official method of communicating in this class is via the email system in D2L. If your group members all agree on another method of communication, that is fine, however if you are unable to communicate with a member of the group, use the email in
D2L. You must check your D2L at least once a day during the school week so that others can communicate with you for this project.

Part 2) Report on the class project (Critical thinking/Written communication/Oral communication)

The Report (Home Work – This part will be completed outside of class.)

Write a 650-word report (about 2 pages, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font) discussing the process of how your group selected its list of ten musical selections. What was your group’s thought process? Discuss how your group selected the merits used to pick the musical selections. Discuss whether this list of music selections would be valid twenty, one hundred, or one thousand years from today. Do the group's choices match your own? Were there any musical sections you would add or delete? Why or why not? Etc. You may also write how you picked your own list of selections that you will use in the Video.

The Video (Home Work – This part will be completed outside of class.)

Each student will make a five-minute video describing five out of his/her ten musical selections that encompass the sum of Western musical achievement. This is from your personal list, NOT the group’s list. Discuss the process by which you came up with your list. Discuss the merits you used to narrow the musical selections to your final ten. (Remember, your personal list should use the same guidelines outlined in the Planning Portion of the assignment.) Then, pick five out of your final ten selections to discuss on the video. Talk about one minute per musical selection. You may talk about all ten selections if you wish. Make sure you an introduction, body and conclusion in your talk/speech.

Video Requirements:
  o It must be at least 5 minutes long
  o Please film yourself in a quiet room with good lighting
  o It must clearly show the speaker from at least the waist up during the entire presentation (no voice-overs)
  o PowerPoint slides and/or other visual aids are allowed, but not required.
  o The presentation will be graded according to the Oral Presentation Rubric
  o We will go over how to film yourself in class in addition to discussing elements of a good oral presentation.
    (I’ll post a video how to make a video)
  o Post a link from YouTube.

Extra credit: I will only take and count extra credit if you have turn in all of your work. i.e. no missed tested and all of your recitals turned in. I will give extra credit for a final Project. The final project can be over any rock history topic. It can be a paper, a power point presentation, etc. Click on the assignment page to see more details. You can receive up to 5% of your grade on this final project. Submit the extra credit on D2L.

I will cover new material and or give a test during dead week.

Students with documented disabilities who need course adaptations or accommodations please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.

If you are having problems, please do not hesitate to contact me. I teach because I love sharing my knowledge with students and will try my best to help you.

Make-Up Test Policy:
Make-up tests will only be given for excused reasons and at my convenience. If you are willing to work with me, I will work with you. Bring in a note to prove your excused absence. You can not make-up a test for an Unexcused Absence or the day before spring break. All make-up tests are essay.

It is your responsibility to check and see if all of your work, tests and concert reviews are submitted. I will not change your grade once they have been posted due to your error. The test are 75% of your grade and the projects are 25% of your grade. Make sure all of your work is turned in. If you have problems, let me know ASAP. If it is a tech issue call 936 468 1919.

The syllabus may be amended at anytime due to the overall performance of the class.

All of the Tests are on D2L, there are listening questions on each test, so you will need speakers or headphones. You can take the test in one of the computer labs on campus or use your own computer. You will need to have QuickTime installed on your computer. Call 468-1212 or 468-1919 for tech help since I can not help with tech problems. You are welcome to take the test in and Computer Lab on campus.

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Test Dates (This are subject to change if we are moving at a different rate than I have planned)

Test are released on the date and due the next class day at the class time except the Final which is due the day of the Final at 11:59 pm.

Time Line
FIRST WEEK OF CLASS
Instruction on the Core Curriculum Objectives (critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and social responsibility) and the Music Time Capsule Project will be given at this time, and reinforced throughout the semester.

UNIT ONE
The Elements of music, Classical Music & Roots of Rock, The 50s and Early 60s, Core Curriculum Objectives covered:
Critical Thinking
Test One- Released Date 2-11-16

UNIT TWO
Mid-60’s, The British Invasion, Folk Music, America counters the British Invasion, Core Curriculum Objectives covered:
Communication
Test Two- Released Date 3-10-16

UNIT THREE
Motown, San Francisco, Art Rock, Jazz Rock, Core Curriculum Objectives covered: Social Responsibility
Test Three- Released Date 4-14-15

UNIT FOUR
1970’s, Punk, Glitter rock, Disco, Rap, Metal, 1980’s MTV and Present, Core Curriculum Objectives covered: Teamwork

Final- Released Date 5-5-16 DUE 5-10-16 at midnight

Final Projects due 5-5-16 at midnight

CORE OBJECTIVES TO BE ACHIEVED IN THIS CLASS:

Critical Thinking Skills- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

Communication Skills- to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

Teamwork- to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

Social Responsibility- to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage affectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Goals of This Class:
1. To gain a basic understanding of the elements that work together to create music
2. To survey the music literature and composers of Western “classical” music from the Medieval Period to the present Rock phenomenon.
3. To respond critically and articulate an informed personal reaction to musical works, by critiquing live concerts.
4. To explore music in its relation to the other arts, the historical events of the times, and the conditions in which the music literature was created.
5. To develop awareness of the scope and variety of musical works
6. Develop an appreciation for the aesthetic principles that guide or govern music and musical compositions.

Program Learning Outcomes
This is a general education core curriculum course and no specific program learning outcomes for this major are addressed in this course.

Academic Integrity (A-9.1)
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F.
If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

LiveText for Students

If you have not registered your LiveText account, please locate one of your registration e-mails in your SFA e-mail account and complete your registration NOW.

If you have any questions/issues please call Jennifer Stringfield at ext: 1267 or email at jstringfield@sfasu.edu

Basic Instructions for Submitting Core Assignments to LiveText through D2L

1. Log into D2L - Click on the specific Assignment and LiveText link.
   1. Follow specific instructions provided by your instructor for completing and submitting your assignment. You may be required to submit your assignment twice, once within D2L and once in LiveText.
2. You will be routed to the LiveText website.
3. Log into LiveText with your username and password- you will only have to do this once, after that your D2L account will log you into LiveText automatically.
4. You are now at the “Dashboard.” There are tabs for other options as well. You will work almost exclusively within the “Dashboard,” “Courses,” and “Documents” tabs.
5. On the left side of the screen are your assignments. On the right side of the screen you can see the status of submissions for each of your assignments. A red assignment means that you still need to submit the assignment or the professor has asked you to resubmit the assignment. A yellow assignment means that you have turned the assignment in and are waiting for the professor to grade it. A green assignment means the professor has graded your assignment and you can now review your grades and the professor’s comments.
6. On the far right side of the screen are your courses.
7. You can click on the course name or click on the “Courses” tab at the top of the screen to get more information about a particular course. There are tabs for “Overview,” “Assignments,” “Outcomes & Standards,” “Announcements,” and “Discussions.”
8. If you click on the “Assignments” tab, you can see all of the assignments for that particular course.
9. If you click on the “Announcements” tab, you can see any important announcements posted by the professor.
10. If you click on the “Discussions” tab, you can see any discussion topics that your professor has posted for you to respond to.
11. Go back to the “Dashboard” to look at your assignments.

Submitting an Assignment from the Dashboard

1. From the Dashboard, click the Begin Assignment button that corresponds with the assignment to be submitted.
2. Students will be directed to the 3 Step Submission process. Step 1 is a Description provided by the Instructor or course syllabus and Step 2 will allow students to attach external files. Please click on Attach Files to select the files needed for submission.
3. Click on Choose File to select the file from your computer or click on Previous Files to attach external files from your LiveText File Manager.
4. Click on Attach Selected Files to attach the file from your computer or File Manager to associate the file with the assignment.
5. Step 3: Each Student has the ability to attach any Comments/URL or they can proceed to submit the assignment by clicking on the Submit AssignmentOption.

Student LiveText FAQ
https://www.livetext.com/c1_help/for_students/