El Centro College
Dallas County Community College District
MUSI 1306 – Music Appreciation
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Course Description: Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music major degree.)

Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 5009025126

Prerequisite(s): Required: College level ready in Reading


Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify musical works and elements in a variety of styles.
2. Analyze the elements and structures of music using appropriate terminology.
3. Critically evaluate the influence of social, political, technological, and/or cultural ideas on music.
4. Articulate the significance of music as an art form within historical, cultural and social contexts.

Evaluative Measures:

1. Verbal and written exams
2. Listening exams
3. Relevant assignments
4. Concert reviews
ATTENDANCE POLICY:
Weekly attendance is mandatory for your success. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. Students arriving later than 15 minutes for class will not be counted as present. After two unexcused absences, every absence will subtract half a letter grade from your final grade.

ACADEMIC WITHDRAWAL POLICY:
If you are unable to complete this course, it is your responsibility to withdraw formally. The last day to drop is November 15, 2018. Failure to do so will result in your receiving a performance grade of an “F.” If you drop a class or withdraw from the college before the official drop/withdrawal deadline, you will receive a “W” (Withdraw) in each class dropped.

STOP BEFORE YOU DROP! For students who enrolled in college level courses for the first time in the fall of 2007, Texas Education Code 51.907 limits the number of courses a student may drop. You may drop no more than 6 courses during your entire undergraduate career unless the drop qualifies as an exception. Your campus counseling/advising center will give you more information on the allowable exceptions. Remember that once you have accumulated 6 non-exempt drops, you cannot drop any other courses with a “W.” Therefore, please exercise caution when dropping courses in any Texas public institution of higher learning, including all seven of the Dallas County Community Colleges.

CELL PHONE POLICY:
While all of us enjoy being digitally connected at all times, cell phones are an extreme distraction in our class. Since our class is participation driven and learning centered, there is no lecturing. There is no need for a laptop, and they will not be allowed in class. Students are required to silence and put away all cell phones, and electronic devices for the duration of class.

DISCLAIMER RESERVING RIGHT TO CHANGE SYLLABUS:
The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary to meet the needs of the students and the course objectives.

INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES
All El Centro students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the following institutional and course-related policies. Institutional policies can be accessed from the following link:

www.elcentrocollege.edu/syllabipolicies
GRADING

Attendance and Participation: 15 points
You are expected to attend and participate in every class. Please contact me in advance to let me know of any excused absences.

Pop Quizzes: 15 points
To ensure that you complete the assigned reading, you will be given 3 pop quizzes over the course of the semester. These cannot be made up unless you provide evidence of an excused absence.

Concert Attendance Reflection: 10 points
You are required to attend and report on your experience at a live classical music concert. Details TBA.

Unit Tests: 30 points
There will be 4 tests worth 10 points each. Your lowest grade will be dropped. Each test will be 20 questions and will include a combination of listening and knowledge-based questions. These cannot be made up unless you provide evidence of an excused absence.

Group Project: 10 points
Details TBA.

Final Exam: 15 points
The final exam will be 30 questions and is cumulative, drawing from all topics discussed throughout the semester.

MAKEUP POLICY

You are expected to ensure your attendance on test days. You will not be allowed to make up tests due to unexcused absences. If you miss a test due to an excused absence, you will be allowed to make it up. You must inform me in advance of your excused absences.