

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: American Mus/Classic/Popular

Course Abbreviation and Number: MUS 1590

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: This course is designed as an overview of American music, past to present, classical and popular. Music will be considered chronologically from Native American through current musical influences. Topics will include music of the classical, folk, Hispanic, blues, jazz, rock, and music theatre literature. No prior music experience or skills are required. This course is a good companion course to MUS 1510.

Prerequisite: ENG 0430, Must meet minimum college level reading score - Accuplacer 80+.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate aesthetic understanding of music through comparison and analysis of music performance or literature.
 2. Demonstrate an understanding of music and its relationship to the individual and society through written examinations and reports.
 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the evolution of American Music through written examinations and reports.
 4. Demonstrate the elements of active listening through real time written analysis of musical examples.
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Topics Covered:

- Active listening
 - Music as an art form and language
 - Music and the individual and society
 - Elements of musical structure and notation
 - Basic wave theory
 - Musical styles and genres
 - Chronological survey of American music
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
 - [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
 - [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
 - [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
 - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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 - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2021