



MUSI1306 032 – Music Appreciation

Course Syllabus: Spring 2026 (1st 8-week)

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This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description: 3 credit hours.

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.)

Note: Additional course fee(s) required.

Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

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.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

8 Online Quizzes	25%
4 Online Assignments	25%
4 Online Discussions	25%
In-Class Activities	25%

Quizzes:

There are eight online quizzes

Required Instructional Materials:

TEXTBOOK Natvig Cornelius_Music A Social Experience

Optional Instructional Materials:

Minimum Technology Requirements:

- Daily high-speed internet access
- Microsoft Word
- Power point
- Acrobat Reader

Required Computer Literacy Skills:

- Word Processing skills
- Email skills
- Must be able to navigate through Black Board

Course Structure and Overview:

1. Regular attendance is vital. If you miss a class, contact one of your classmates for notes, schedule or assignment changes, exam information, etc. (N/A for online course).
2. This is a college classroom. Proper behavior is expected and required. This includes having respect for others, being on time for class, and maintaining an atmosphere in which all students may learn without interference from others. Standards of behaviors are detailed in the NTCC Student Handbook. (N/A for online course)
3. Cheating and plagiarizing will not be tolerated in any form.
4. Email Use: Your instructor will communicate certain messages to you and the class by NTCC email. Please check your email regularly. Empty your box often.
5. Assignment Grades and course information are posted on Blackboard. Students need to check regularly to make sure all their assignments have been submitted and graded.

Communications: Email (adaniel@ntcc.edu) is the best way to communicate with your instructor outside of class. I will respond within 24 hours (usually much sooner). **BE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE YOUR COURSE AND SECTION NUMBER (MUSI1306 032) IN THE SUBJECT WINDOW.** I teach several sections of this course and I will need that information before I can respond to your inquiry.

Institutional/Course Policy:

1. Late work is not accepted. Only under extreme circumstances, and with the discretion of the instructor, will late work be considered.
2. Turn off cell phones and other devices that unnecessarily cause distractions. Texting in class is not acceptable. If you have an emergency call, then step outside the classroom to answer it so as not to be a distraction. If texting becomes a problem, the offending student will be asked to leave. If the problem continues, offending students will be withdrawn.
3. Withdrawal from Course: If the student cannot finish the course due to illness, job transfer or another reason, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from the course by the published deadline to avoid receiving an "F" in the course. The instructor reserves the right to drop a student from the course for excessive absences or for behavior disruptive to the teaching/learning process.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

Tentative Course Timeline (*note* instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to this timeline at any point in the term):

COURSE SCHEDULE with DUE DATES

	In Class		ONLINE	
Date	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	Assignment	Quiz
Week 1 1.20-1.25	MLK DAY – NO CLASS	Orientation	DUE 1.25 (11:59PM) Discussion 1: Who Are You in Music? Syllabus Confirmation Quiz (Start Here Folder)	DUE 1.25 (11:59PM) 1 (Ch. 10)
Week 2 1.26-2.1	Theory/Composition Special Topics 1	Guitar/Piano	DUE 2.1 (11:59PM) Discussion 2: Music and Film	DUE 2.1(11:59PM) 2 (Ch. 11)
Week 3 2.2-2.8	Theory/Composition Special Topics 2	Guitar/Piano	DUE 2.8 (11:59PM) Assignment 1: Music and Dance (for SLO #1)	DUE 2.8 (11:59PM) 3 (Ch. 12)
Week 4 2.9-2.15	Theory/Composition Special Topics 3	Guitar/Piano	DUE 2.15 (11:59PM) Assignment 2: Song Analysis (for SLO #4)	DUE 2.15 (11:59PM) 4 (Ch. 4)
Week 5 2.16-2.22	Theory/Composition Special Topics 4	Guitar/Piano	DUE 2.22 (11:59PM) Discussion 3: Music and Gender	DUE 2.22 (11:59PM) 5 (Ch. 5)
Week 6 2.23-3.1	Theory/Composition Special Topics 5	Guitar/Piano	DUE 3.1 (11:59PM) Assignment 3: Silk Road Ensemble (for SLO #3)	DUE 3.1 (11:59PM) 6 (Ch. 6)
Week 7 3.2-3.8	Theory/Composition Special Topics 6	Guitar/Piano	DUE 3.8 (11:59PM) Discussion4: Music and Politics	DUE 3.8 (11:59PM) 7 (Ch. 7)
Week 8 3.9-3.13 DUE FRIDAY THIS WEEK	Theory/Composition Special Topics 7	Guitar/Piano	DUE FRIDAY 3.13 (11:59PM) Assignment 4: Coriolanus (for SLO #2)	DUE FRIDAY 3.13 (11:59PM) 8 (Ch. 8)

Notable Dates:**2026 Spring Semester**

Offices Re-open	Monday, January 5
Faculty In-Service.....	Monday, January 12 – Thursday, January 15
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 19
First Class Day (16-week, 1 st 8-week sessions)	Tuesday, January 20
Late Registration Ends	Friday, January 23
Spring Census (1 st 8-week session)	Tuesday, January 27
Spring Census (16-week-session).....	Wednesday, February 4
Staff In-Service.....	Friday, February 20 (8:00 a.m. –12 p.m.)
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of “W” (1 st 8-week session)	Tuesday, March 3
Deadline for Spring Graduation Application	Friday, March 13
Last Class Day (1 st 8-week session)	Friday, March 13
Spring Break	Monday – Friday, March 16 - 20
First Class Day (2 nd 8-week session).....	Monday, March 23
Spring Census (2 nd 8-week session)	Monday, March 30
Final Day to Withdraw with Grade of “W” (16-week session)	Thursday, April 16
Last Day to Withdraw with a Grade of “W” (2 nd 8-week session).....	Thursday, April 30
Last Class Day (16-week and 2 nd 8-week sessions)	Thursday, May 7
Final Examinations	Friday, May 8 – Thursday, May 14
Spring Graduation.....	Saturday, May 16

2026 May Intersession

First Class Day	Monday, May 18
May Census	Tuesday, May 19
Memorial Day Holiday	Monday, May 25
Final Day to withdraw with a Grade of “W”	Tuesday, June 2
Last Class Day/Final Examinations	Friday, June 5

2026 Summer Semester

First Class Day (1 st 5-week and 10-week sessions)	Monday, June 8
Late Registration Ends (1 st 5-week session)	Monday, June 8
Late Registration Ends (10-week session)	Wednesday, June 10
Summer Census (1 st 5-week session)	Thursday, June 11
Summer Census (10-week session)	Tuesday, June 16
Juneteenth Holiday	Friday, June 19
Deadline for Summer Graduation Application	Thursday, June 25
Final Day to Withdraw with a Grade of “W” (1 st 5-week session)	Wednesday, July 1
Independence Day Holiday	Friday, July 3
Last Class Day/Final Examinations (1 st 5-week session)	Thursday, July 9
TR Evening Classes (1 st 5-week session)	Tuesday, July 7
MW Evening Classes (1 st 5-week session)	Wednesday, July 8
First Class Day (2 nd 5-week session)	Monday, July 13
Late Registration Ends (2 nd 5-week session)	Monday, July 13
Summer Census (2 nd 5-week session)	Thursday, July 16
Final Day to Withdraw with a Grade of “W” (10-week session)	Thursday, July 30
Final Day to Withdraw with a Grade of “W” (2 nd 5-week session)	Thursday, August 6
Last Class Day/Final Examinations (10-week; 2 nd 5-week sessions)	Thursday, August 13
MW Evening Classes (2 nd 5-week session)	Wednesday, August 12
TR Evening Classes (2 nd 5-week session)	Thursday, August 13
Summer Graduation	Friday, August 15