

Capital Community College

Course Outline

Music 103: History of American Music

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: Music 103

COURSE TITLE: History of American Music

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Development of native American idioms in folk, popular, jazz, classical, and electronic music. Lectures, discussions, recordings, and attendance at live performances are employed. Formerly listed as MUS 202, not open to students who have successfully completed MUS 202.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

PREREQUISITES: None

SECTION II

- A. **SCOPE:** Students of Music 103 will read, listen to, and discuss the evolution of the three genres (folk, popular, and classical) of American music. Musical terms will be used. Familiarization of the fundamental concepts of music theory, music forms, and music styles will be expected, as well as an understanding of the social, cultural, and political practices and events that shaped each genre of American music, from the settling of the New World to the present day.
- B. **REQUIRED WORK:** Students are expected to take notes in class, and complete all graded assignments and examinations.
- C. **ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:** Students are expected to attend all classes and to be punctual to all classes, listen critically to the music presented in class, and participate in all classroom discussions.
- D. **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:** Methods of instruction include lecture/discussion, collaborative learning, in-class student presentations, use of technologies such as audio-visual, and computer internet, and live music performances.
- E. **OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, AND ASSESSMENT:** The following objectives and outcomes represent the department's core requirements for student achievement:

Learning Objectives	Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods
To demonstrate an understanding of	Student will	As measured by
1. Responsibility for his or her own learning	a) Attend class regularly and be on time b) Be responsible for completing all reading and listening assignments cited in the course syllabus c) Complete all graded assignments d) Be accountable for their good standing in this class; seek out professors assistance when necessary, retrieve any material due to absences, know your progress in this class at all times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance records • Completed assignment records
2. Expressing the concepts and musical terms covered in this class	a) Properly identify music terms and concepts b) Compose coherent essays that demonstrate a command of the subject of this course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written examinations • Written essays
3. The different genres of American music, and the composers, philosophers, theorists, and performers, as well as the social and political climate that all contributed to defining of the music practices of each period of American music	a) Listen to and analyze the music of each period of Western music b) Learn about the significant social, cultural, and political events that impacted the music practices of each period c) Learn about the significant composers, philosophers, theorists, and performers of each music period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening examinations • Period identification examinations • Composer, philosopher, theorist, and performer identification examination

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<p>4. The fundamental elements of music that converge to create motives, themes, phrases, sections, and complete works of music</p>	<p>a) Examine the theoretical principles of music b) Examine the concepts of music form and various types of music form c) Learn about music instruments and music ensembles of folk, popular, and art music</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class discussions • In-class projects of diverse genres/styles of music • Listening examinations of musical form identification • Music theory examinations • Instrument/ensemble identification examination