

AMERICAN MUSIC, MUSI 1310*2220

FALL 2017

LONE STAR COLLEGE-KINGWOOD

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E TEXTBOOK:

MUSI-1310-2220-OnAmerican Popular Music-Lonestar Star College-Kingwood-Sparks Fall17

Course Material:

- ★ Students may purchase the course materials at the campus bookstore or through our online store: www.store.connect4education.com.

Registration:

- ★ Once students have purchased their course material, they will need to register their 14-digit access code at register.mywebtext.org

Course Access:

- ★ Once students have successfully registered for your course, they can proceed to our website and begin their course work at www.c4edu.org

Technical Issues:

- ★ In the event you or students have any issue(s) with the course, please contact Tech Support at support@connect4education.com for assistance.

PREREQUISITES: None

CREDIT: This is a 3 credit hour course.

Course Description

A general introduction to American music designed to create an appreciation of the materials, techniques, and purposes of works of music. Students will critically interpret and evaluate American musical works within formal, cultural, and historical contexts. Course may focus on special topics.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Apply musical terminology as it specifically relates to works of music.
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of music history, elements, form, and genre.
3. Critically interpret and evaluate musical works through written responses to performances.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of music on culture.

Desire 2 Learn/Connect 4 Education

This is a "F2F (face to face)" course, but your course materials will be accessible online. We will be using two systems: "**Connect 4 Education**" and **Desire 2 Learn**. I have included a separate document (Student Guide) "Preparing for Your Connect For Education Course" which details all the information you need to register your "Access Code."

- ★ Text, Quizzes, Assignments, Grades, Audio/Video examples will be on **Connect 4 Education (C4E)**.
- ★ ALL EMAILS, SYLLABUS and ANNOUNCEMENTS will be on **Desire 2 Learn (D2L)**.
- ★ Must take the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) training in order to access the course materials (mentioned above).
- ★ Become familiar with both of these systems and make sure your personal computer system or the one you will be using is reliable. If you have a problem with the D2L system call the **LSC HELP DESK**. Their number is **OTS Service Desk 24/7: 281-312-1400**
- ★ If you have a problem with **C4E** contact Connect 4 Education Technical Support for assistance:
 - ★ Email: support@connect4education.com
 - ★ Phone: 703-880-1180 x200
 - ★ Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. ET to 6 p.m. ET

Evaluation

Grades will be determined by the completions of all Assignments, Discussions, Quizzes, Mid-Term, Final Exam on C4E, Attendance and Concert Reviews

- ★ Due dates are posted in the "Course Schedule" which is available on D2L. Revisions to the schedule and reminders will be posted on **D2L Announcements**.
- ★ Budget enough time to take them. Don't wait till the last minute.
- ★ Tests/Quizzes **MUST** be taken on or before the day they are due.
- ★ No late work will be accepted. If there is a problem contact me immediately to determine a solution.
- ★ Make sure you read all information posted in **C4E** and **D2L** to assist you.

Grading Policy:

Tests (Mid-Term/Final) Quizzes, Discussions and Assignments on **C4E** = 70%

- ★ See the "Assignment" Module in **C4E**.

Attendance = 15% (See Class Policy on D2L)

Concert Reviews = 15% (See Module & Class Policy on D2L)

Grading Scale:

100 - 89.5 = A; 89 - 79.5 = B; 79 - 69.5 = C; 69 - 59.5 = D; 59 - 0 = F

Final Exam: Wednesday, December 13; 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM; PAC 208

The final exam will be administered in the computer lab on C4E. You must take the Final Exam in class in the computer lab. You must be in attendance and can not take it remotely. Once you start the exam, you must finish it. If you do not take the Final Exam in person, in the computer lab, your remote submission will be deleted and you will receive a **0**.

Communication

The best form of communication with me is email through [Lone Star Online](#). Send all emails and appointment requests through **Lone Star Online (D2L)**.

Classroom Behavior: The LSC Student Handbook [Student Conduct, Section 562.01d] states, "Disruptive activity that hinders other students' learning or deters an instructor from effective teaching will not be tolerated under any circumstances. In reference to "Online Learning" you must be considerate of your fellow classmates, especially in reference to the "Discussions." When communicating with your Professor, courtesy is the best method and I will provide respect and courtesy to you.

Attendance Policy:

- Attendance to all class sessions is required.
- Logging in and completing assignments is essential.
- The class will begin promptly on time.
- CHECK ATTENDANCE PAGE FOR SPECIFICS. Three (3) tardies equal one (1) absence. A student is considered absent after 20 minutes, even if they attend the remainder of class.
- Students must attend the entire class in order to be counted present.
- Students should advise the instructor in advance when a class will be missed.
- Excused absences include:
 - a. Illness as verified by a written note from a doctor or parent
 - b. Death in the immediate family
 - c. Official school functions
- Court dates/appearances are not excused absences.
- No food, drinks, tobacco or vapor products are permitted in the classroom.
- Electronic devices may not be used in the classroom except as authorized.
- A student who anticipates the inability to complete assignments should notify the instructor in advance.
- Incomplete assignments, quizzes, exams, spotty logins, non-communication will inhibit the successful completion of this course.
- If you have not completed the required Assignments, Quizzes and Discussions by the Due Dates you will receive a **F**.
- **The instructor will not drop a student from this course for any reason. It is the sole responsibility of the student to withdraw.** A student desiring to withdraw must do so officially through the Registrar's Office. Failure to officially withdraw by **November 13** (last day to withdraw and receive a "W") will result in a grade of F for the course. Students considering dropping a course should talk to the instructor before dropping.
- If you have not completed **ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, EXAMS** or communicated with me regarding your lack of interactions by the **Mid-Term** (October 19), you will be dropped.
- **If you are experiencing difficulty logging in and completing the required assignments, quizzes, tests because of work, illness, or technology problems please confer with me as soon as you are aware of the problem so that we can address your situation together.**

Six Drop Rule:

Students who enrolled in Texas public institutions of higher education as first-time college students during the Fall 2007 term or later are subject to section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, which states that an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop (withdraw with a grade of "W") from more than six courses, including courses that a transfer student has previously dropped at other Texas public institutions of higher education that have already been counted against their six drop limit. Each student should fully understand this drop limit before you drop any course. Please see a Counselor or Advisor in our Student Services area for additional information and assistance. For more information, please go to <http://www.lonestar.edu/course-drops.htm>.

Syllabus Change:

While every attempt has been made to prepare this syllabus and class schedule in final form, it will be the instructor's prerogative to make any changes as may be deemed necessary in order to meet the learning outcomes of the course. Students will be notified in writing (via D2L Announcements) of any changes.

Academic Integrity:

Lone Star College is committed to a high standard of academic integrity in the academic community. In becoming a part of the academic community, students are responsible for honesty and independent effort. Failure to uphold these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following: plagiarizing written work or projects, cheating on exams or assignments, collusion on an exam or project, and misrepresentation of credentials or prerequisites when registering for a course. Cheating includes looking at or copying from another student's exam, orally communicating or receiving answers during an exam, having another person take an exam or complete a project or assignment, using unauthorized notes, texts, or other materials for an exam, and obtaining or distributing an unauthorized copy of an exam or any part of an exam.

Plagiarism means passing off as his/her own the ideas or writings of another (that is, without giving proper credit by documenting sources). Plagiarism includes submitting a paper, report, or project that someone else has prepared, in whole or in part. Collusion is inappropriately collaborating on assignments designed to be completed independently. These definitions are not exhaustive. When there is clear evidence of cheating, plagiarism, collusion, or misrepresentation, disciplinary action may include but is not limited to requiring you to retake or resubmit an exam or assignment, assigning a grade of zero or "F" for an exam or assignment; or

assigning a grade of "F" for the course. Additional sanctions including being withdrawn from the course, program or expelled from school may be imposed on a students who violate the standards of academic integrity. The complete discipline policy may be found online at http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/advising/LSCS_Student_Handbook_Web.pdf

Equal Opportunity Statement

Lone Star College is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employments. Lone Star College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, veterans' status, nationality or ethnicity in its programs and activities. The LSC Vice Chancellor, College Services is designated as the LSC Equal Opportunity Officer and title IX Coordinator. All inquiries concerning LSC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to Norman Sievert, 832-813-6520. Inquiries about the laws and compliance may also be directed to Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. For further information, visit www.ed.gov for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Statement:

Lone Star College system is dedicated to providing the least restrictive learning environment for all students. LSC promotes equity in academic access through the implementation of reasonable accommodations as required by the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title V, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), which will enable students with disabilities to participate in and benefit from all post-secondary educational programs and activities. If you require reasonable accommodations because of a physical, mental, or learning disability, please notify the instructor of this course within the first two weeks of the term.

Veteran Statement:

For more information on Veterans' Affairs click here [Veterans' Affairs Office](#) or visit the Veteran's Office on campus.

FERPA Statement: <http://www.lonestar.edu/ferpa.htm>

Behavior Intervention Team:

For student behavior issues, contact the campus person handling discipline issues, and contact the police department for any serious issues.

Emergency Procedures:

Lone Star College is committed to providing a safe environment in which to learn, study, and work. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility. In the event of a health, safety, or environmental emergency while on campus, students should immediately contact LSCS police at 281-290-5911 or the administrator on duty. If you know you will need assistance to evacuate during an emergency, please register by calling 281-290-5911 at any time. Detailed information on LSC emergency procedures is available at www.lonestar.edu/oem.

A counselor is available to assist you in meeting your academic, career, and personal goals. Confidential counseling services are available by appointment to help you overcome academic and personal challenges, make career choices, plan your transfer, and to gain self-understanding. To schedule an appointment, please contact:

Ms. Judith Watson, Division Counselor for Fire
Science, Letters, Arts, and Kinesiology Phone:
281.312.1545 Office: LIB 222-A
email: judith.watson@lonestar.edu

Campus Carry:

The Texas Legislature enacted campus carry by passing Senate Bill 11, effective at LSC on August 1, 2017. Senate Bill 11, known as the "Campus Carry" law, amends Texas law to allow license holders to carry concealed handguns on college campuses. To carry a concealed handgun on LSC campuses, an individual must have a valid License to Carry issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

LSC has established rules and regulations regarding enforcement of Campus Carry. Lone Star College prohibits concealed carry in some areas of LSC campuses. For more information about Campus Carry, visit the LSC Campus Carry website at <http://www.lonestar.edu/campuscarry>.