

**AMERICAN MUSIC, MUSI 1310\*2802 ONLINE  
SPRING 2021  
LONE STAR COLLEGE-KINGWOOD**

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**Times:** Online; **Location:** Online

**REQUIRED TEXT: E TEXTBOOK:**

**Lone Star College (Course Name) - Lone Star College - Kingwood**

**MUSI-1310-2802 ROMR Sp21-Sparks**

Course Material:

Students may purchase the course materials at the online campus bookstore or through Connect For Education online store:

**OnMusic Rock 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition:** <https://store.connect4education.com/product/onmusic-rock-3rd-edition/?dids=2>

If you have a financial issue (Financial Aid, etc) call "Connect for Education" (see below) they can give you complimentary access for a short period of time to be able to start the class.

### **Student Resources:**

- ★ If you have any questions regarding the Access Code purchase/registration process or the course access process, here is the C4E Student Guide, which can be found below:

[http://dbkf6lrdbagw3.cloudfront.net/support/C4EStudentGuide\\_c4elink.pdf](http://dbkf6lrdbagw3.cloudfront.net/support/C4EStudentGuide_c4elink.pdf)

- ★ In addition to the Student Guide, the student tutorial video is another helpful tool to this course. This video can be found at: <https://c4e.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115004392227-Getting-to-Know-C4Elink-Student-Tutorial-Video->.

### **Technical Issues:**

- ★ In the event you have any issue(s) with the Connect for Education course information, please contact Tech Support at [support@connect4education.com](mailto:support@connect4education.com) or by phone at (703)880-1180, ext. 200 (M-F, 9am-6pm EST) for assistance.

**PREREQUISITES:** College Level Readiness in Reading AND Writing

**CREDIT:** This is a 3 credit hour course.

### **Course Description**

A general survey of various styles of music of the Americas, including but not limited to jazz, folk, rock, and contemporary music.

### **Course Outcomes**

1. Identify the elements, styles, and musicians representative of music within the chosen style(s).
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 the chosen musical style(s).
4. Articulate an informed personal reflection of the chosen musical style(s).

### **Online Learning**

The instruction for online learning classes is delivered via the Internet. Students must have access to a computer and Internet services. Proctored exams at an approved location may be required. Students enrolling in online classes are expected to login to their classes before the end of the first day of the class. Student having any difficulties should contact LSC Online helpdesk as soon as possible by calling 832-813-6600 or VTAC chat in the D2L class.

## Desire 2 Learn/Connect 4 Education

This is an "online" course, so your course materials will be accessible online. We will be using two systems: "**Connect 4 Education**" and **Desire 2 Learn**. View the "Student Resources" section which has links to all the information you need to register your "Access Code."

### ★ YOU MUST PURCHASE THE EBOOK/ACCESS CODE IMMEDIATELY

- ★ Text, Quizzes, Assignments, Grades, Audio/Video examples will be on **Connect 4 Education (C4E)**.
- ★ ALL ATTENDANCE, 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](mailto: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 and Final Exam on C4E; Concert Review and Attendance on D2L.

- ★ 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.
- ★ **ALL QUIZZES AND LESSONS ARE OPEN ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.**
- ★ 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** = 80%

- ★ See the "Assignment" Module in **C4E**.
- ★ Concert Reviews = 10% (See "Concert Review" Module & Class Policy on D2L)

★ Attendance = 10% (Check in weekly on Qwickly Attendance)

### Grading Scale:

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

**Mid-Term Exam:** Wednesday, March 10; 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM

**Final Exam:** Wednesday, May 12; 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM

The Mid-Term and Final exam are opened and closed on the dates and times listed above. There's a 2 hour time limit and 2 attempts possible. Once you start the exam, you must finish it.

### 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:

#### Online Attendance Requirements

#### Qwickly Attendance on D2L

- Located under "Course Activities"
- Check-in period will start on Sunday each week.
- You must check in each week.

Your "Attendance" grade will be calculated in the following way:

- **Present** (100%); If you have logged into D2L and have completed all of the assignments on C4E. If have already completed the C4E assignments, you still need to login to D2L during that week at least once.
- **Late** (80%) If you have logged into D2L but haven't completed all or some of the C4E assignments. If you have completed all or some the assignments on C4E but have not logged into D2L.
- **Absent** (0%) If you haven't logged into D2L or completed any of the assignments on C4E
  - Attendance is **IMPORTANT** in an Online class. Logging in and completing assignments is essential.

- 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 the 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 (March 10)**, you must drop this class or you will receive an **F**.
- **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>.

**Last Day to Drop (Official Day): February 1**

**Last Day to Withdraw: April 9**

### 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.

### Lone Star College System Policies:

Please use the following link to find ALL LSC policies, procedures, and student success information. It is your personal, academic, and legal responsibility to know and adhere to the information provided.

<http://www.lonestar.edu/syllabus-policies>

### COVID-19 Statement:

Lone Star College is dedicated to the health and safety of all employees and students with a strong commitment to student engagement and success. In coordination with federal, state, and local mandates and guidelines, Lone Star College has established general COVID-19 prevention expectations below. Campus-specific COVID-19 protocols shall be provided to you by campus presidents.

The expectations and protocols may be changed as the COVID-19 situation evolves. Please direct campus protocol questions to the campus president.

Lone Star College supports students with online tutoring, online bookstore access, online library resources, with access to Office 365 available. Information about tutoring and available resources may be found at <https://www.lonestar.edu/Student-Resources.htm>.

Lone Star College implemented the COVID-19 Prevention Expectations listed below for students attending class on a Lone Star College campus during the 2021 Spring Semester. Be sure to stay home if you are feeling ill or if you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for illness.

### On-Campus<sup>1</sup> and In the Classroom

- You must properly wear a mask that adequately covers your mouth and nose.

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this document, “campus” and “on-campus” includes both indoor and outdoor spaces located on a Lone Star College property.



- You should put your mask on upon exiting your vehicle in the campus parking lot. Unless otherwise provided by law, you will not be allowed on a campus or remain on a campus without a mask.
- If you need a mask, the campus will provide you one at the designated campus entry checkpoint.
- Failing to wear a mask or refusing to wear a mask while on a Lone Star College campus is considered a Student Conduct Code violation.
- Proceed to the designated campus entry checkpoint.
- You must submit to a temperature check at the Campus Screening Checkpoint.
- You should stay at least six feet from others while on campus.
- You should sanitize your hands regularly, but especially prior to entering a classroom and when leaving.

#### Notifications of Possible Exposure

- Lone Star College will notify you of possible exposure to COVID-19 if a person who was in your area of campus while you were on campus tested positive.
- In case of building closure, your instructor will notify you of the plan for continuing the course.

#### Kingwood Information

Kingwood main campus check-in stations are located at the CLA and SCC buildings. Students are encouraged to park in lots C and A and allow adequate time upon arrival for check-in procedures before the start of class. For students attending the Atascocita Center, Process Technology Center, and Dental Hygiene Annex the check-ins are located at the front main entrance and parking is localized to the front of the buildings. During the check-in process your temperature will be taken and should it be elevated, you will not be allowed to gain access to campus. If this situation occurs, please contact your instructor immediately and inform them as to the reason for your absence. Kingwood is dedicated to maintaining your safety and the health and wellness of all students and employees is our primary priority. If you have COVID-19, symptoms of COVID-19, or been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please report your illness or exposure to [LSC-ReportVirus@lonestar.edu](mailto:LSC-ReportVirus@lonestar.edu).

For more detailed information and answers concerning COVID-19 protocols and LSC-Kingwood please visit our Return to Building Handbook. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a6c3e8d6-5e7e-4923-9e6f-f4db5a2afa75>

### **Behavior Intervention Team:**

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

### **Veteran Statement:**

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

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  
email: [judith.watson@lonestar.edu](mailto:judith.watson@lonestar.edu)

Lone Star College – Kingwood Learning Commons	
Virtual and On-Campus Services Available	
D2L & Office Apps Help	Tutoring & Study Skills
Website: <a href="http://kwlibguides.lonestar.edu/library-services/computer-help">kwlibguides.lonestar.edu/library-services/computer-help</a> Email: <a href="mailto:Allison.huffy@lonestar.edu">Allison.huffy@lonestar.edu</a>	Website: <a href="http://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring">www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring</a> Email: <a href="mailto:Amanda.R.Vela@lonestar.edu">Amanda.R.Vela@lonestar.edu</a>
Research & Citation Help	Learning Commons
Website: <a href="http://www.lonestar.edu/library/kingwood">www.lonestar.edu/library/kingwood</a> Email: <a href="mailto:Kingwood-Library@LoneStar.edu">Kingwood-Library@LoneStar.edu</a>	On-Campus services are available <i>by appointment only</i> .  In addition to the above, independent computer use and a recording studio is available.
<b>Make an Appointment in WC Online!</b> <a href="http://lonestar.mywconline.com/">lonestar.mywconline.com/</a> Learn how to make a free account today: <a href="https://bit.ly/375xo23">https://bit.ly/375xo23</a> WC Online How-To help: <a href="http://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring">www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring</a>	



## COURSE SCHEDULE

The complete course schedule is available on C4E and D2L.