



LONE STAR COLLEGE
KINGWOOD

APPRECIATING MUSIC
MUSI 1306 2003
FTF SPRING 2025
TuTh 11:00 AM-12:20 PM
MB 136

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Conference Hours/Student Hours: Engaging in content discussion, asking questions, and proactively getting help increases student learning and success. To facilitate this, I am available to meet outside of class. Since we all have different schedules, I encourage you to meet with me at a mutually convenient time. Please email or speak with me before/after class to make an appointment. During our private lesson, we can accomplish this at any time.

"Reminder: Our campus also has excellent writing, math, and science tutors through LSC-Kingwood Learning Support <https://www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring.htm>"

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Required Texts:

E TEXTBOOK:

Lone Star College - Kingwood MUSI-1306-2003 SOMAA Sp25-Sparks

Course Material:

• Students may purchase their access codes at the campus bookstore or through our Online Store (Connect for Education):

OnMusic Appreciation Fourth Edition Access Code

<https://store.connect4education.com/product/onmusic-appreciation/?dids=2>

- Our **Student Help Center** can be accessed at the following URL: <https://c4e.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/204187808-Student>.

C4E Student Guide to guide them through the purchasing/registration/course access processes: http://dbkf6lrdbagw3.cloudfront.net/support/C4EStudentGuide_c4elink.pdf

PREREQUISITES: College Level Readiness in Reading AND Writing

CREDIT: This is a 3 credit hour course.

Catalog Description

Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements, illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. Course does not apply to a music major degree.

Student Learning Outcomes

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.

Desire 2 Learn/Connect 4 Education

This class meets "in-person" but all course materials will be accessible online. We will be using two systems: "**Connect 4 Education**" and **Desire 2 Learn**.

Text, Quizzes, Assignments, Grades, Audio/Video examples will be on **Connect 4 Education (C4E)**.

★ SYLLABUS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and ATTENDANCE will be on **D2L**.

- ★ Must take the 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: 1-866-614-5014**
- ★ 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 and Final Exam on C4E. Attendance is mandatory.

- ★ This is a "self paced" course but you must show progress (completing assignments and attendance (by the ODR (Official Day of Record). 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 close to the date they are covered.
- ★ **All Assignments and Quizzes are open starting on the first day of class.**
- ★ 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%

Attendance = 10%

Concert Attendance Report = 10%

Grading Scale:

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

Mid-Term Exam: Tuesday, March 4; 11:00 AM-12:20 PM (Central time)

The mid-term exam will open and close on the day and time listed above. Once you start the exam, you must finish it. 2 attempts. This will be taken in class. You will need to bring a laptop or tablet. If you do not have access to an electronic device, you will check in for attendance then go to the Learning Commons (Library) and use one of their computers. Using your phone is not recommended.

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 6; 11:00 AM-12:50 PM (Central time)

The final exam will be opened and closed on the day and time listed above. Once you start the exam, you must finish it. 2 hour time limit. 2 attempts

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

Communication

The best form of communication with me is email through marvin.sparks@lonestar.edu. Always include a "Subject" that details the content of your email.

Official Day of Record (ODR): January 27

Last Day to Withdraw: April 1

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. 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 crucial. 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 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.**
- As stated above, if you do not show progress by the ODR (Official Day of Record) January 27, you will be reported as "non-attending" and will be withdrawn from the class.
- A student desiring to withdraw must do so officially through the Registrar's Office. Failure to officially withdraw by **April 1** (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 4), 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.

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>

Kingwood Culture and Engagement Statement:

Lone Star College-Kingwood is committed to offering a learning environment that promotes the study of varied perspectives. The topics that are covered in college courses are often challenging, academically and emotionally; this allows students to assess basic assumptions, take agency over learning, and engage in dialogue with empathy for classmates. We will talk about differing ideas without being confrontational, respect all experiences and cultures, and maintain respect for

others and their perspectives. We embrace diversity, we advance equity, and we cultivate inclusion.

Infectious Disease Reporting:

Lone Star College is required to report student and employee cases of notifiable conditions to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in a timely manner. College employees and students shall report a confirmed diagnosis of an infectious disease to LSC's Compliance Management Infectious Disease Reporting System. The Texas Department of State Health Services maintains a list of [Notifiable Conditions](#) that indicates the conditions and illnesses that must be reported. These include influenza, COVID-19, tuberculosis, mpox, hepatitis A, and chickenpox. Help control and prevent the spread of infectious diseases by privately reporting a confirmed medical diagnosis of a notifiable condition by emailing LSC-ReportVirus@lonestar.edu or calling 832-246-0019. Also inform your instructor(s).

AI Not Allowed

Artificial intelligence (AI) is strictly prohibited in this course. Students must complete all academic work without relying on artificial intelligence tools. The use of AI, including but not limited to language models, chatbots, or other similar technologies, to generate or complete assignments, quizzes, discussions, or exams is considered a form of academic misconduct and will result in disciplinary action. View additional information at <<https://www.lonestar.edu/instructional-resources.htm>

Behavior Intervention Team:

The overall goal of the Behavioral Intervention Team is to promote a safe college environment for all students and staff focused on student learning and student development. By encouraging all members of the campus community to communicate behaviors that are concerning and provide support and connect students with resources that can assist them.

If a community member (student, faculty or staff) behaves in a way that is disruptive or poses a threat to any aspect of the LSCS community, such behaviors should be reported to the Behavior Intervention Team. If you see something, say something....

You are encouraged to identify yourself because this may assist the BIT if clarification or additional information is needed. Submitting your name also gives

your report more credence. Anonymous entries will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. File a report: <https://www.lonestar.edu/16834.htm>

Veteran Statement:

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

Counseling Services: <https://www.lonestar.edu/CIS.htm>

Phone: 281.312.8422

24/7 Emotional Support Hotline: 844-844-4007

E-mail: KC-Counselors@lonestar.edu

Lone Star College-Kingwood Learning Commons
On-Campus and Virtual Services Available

D2L & Office Apps Help

- [How to Use D2L](#) (YouTube)

Website: kwlibguides.lonestar.edu/LC-technology/technology-in-LC

Phone: 281-312-1693

Email: Kingwood.Library@LoneStar.edu

Tutoring & Study Skills

- Math, Sciences, and Writing

Website: www.lonestar.edu/lsc-kingwood-tutoring

Phone: 281-312-1439

Email: Jenny.R.Keller@LoneStar.edu

Research & Citation Help

- [Course Material](#)
- [Research & Citation Guides](#)

Website: www.lonestar.edu/library/kingwood

Phone: 281-312-1693

Email: Kingwood.Library@LoneStar.edu

Learning Commons

- [Student IDs](#)
- Study space
- [Technology in the LC](#)

Website: www.lonestar.edu/kw-learning-commons

Phone: 281-312-1691 LC Operating Hours: Mon-Thu: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, Fri: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm,

Sat: 10am – 2 pm Su: Closed Make an Appointment in WC Online! lonestar.mywconline.com/

Course Schedule (detailed)

Can be viewed on "Connect for Education"