FAR 103
Introduction to Fine Arts: Music
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I will be off campus several times during our online course but will check email frequently. I am giving all of you access to my cell phone number and you are welcome to call me just about any time. Exceptions would be after 10:00 p.m. daily and on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings when I am at church. If I do not answer please leave a message and I will return a call to you as quickly as I can.

Required Materials

Note: You will need a new book in order to get the included StudySpace access code. Also note that the e-book version is not compatible with iOS devices such as the iPad or iPhone due to the Adobe Flash requirements.

Alternatively, if you would like an iPhone/iPad version of the book, one is available through Inkling (a free app in the App Store) for $69.99 and comes with all of the study materials embedded in the text (audio clips, listening guides, etc.):

I. Introduction
This course will serve as an introduction to the art of music as an expression of the cultures of civilizations, both East and West, through selected examples of music literature.

II. Course Objectives
Students will:
1. Become familiar with the basic elements of music (rhythm, melody, harmony, etc.).
2. Develop an awareness of how these elements are used in a variety of mediums (solo, choir, orchestra, etc.).
3. Develop an awareness of how these elements are used in a variety of historical periods and styles of music (Baroque, impressionism, Classical, etc.).
4. Develop listening techniques and music vocabulary so as to appreciate, understand, and describe the fundamental features of a musical composition.

III. Organization
The primary activity of this course will be to listen to as much music as possible. Of course, listening to music is enhanced by knowing what to listen for. Our textbook *The Enjoyment of Music* is an “introduction to perceptive listening.” The book contains multiple listening activities to help students develop their ability to perceive, understand and appreciate the music and music making.

The five main course activities will include:
A. Reading assigned chapters in the textbook.
B. Listening to and/or viewing a variety of musical performances.
C. Reflecting (through written reflections) on compositions from the assigned listening using music terminology.
D. Discussing music with your classmates based on weekly discussion forum prompts.
E. Assessments (examination of material covered in the chapters and a final listening exam)

A. Readings
Our textbook *The Enjoyment of Music* (referred to as *EoM*) will serve as the guide for our online class. Not only are the musical examples selected by the authors excellent, but the book and the materials have been thoughtfully adapted for use in online class offerings. The first section provides an overview of the materials of music. We will spend the first two weeks of class familiarizing ourselves with these fundamental musical concepts. Following this two week introduction *EoM* presents the development of music chronologically, through each of the main historical style periods. The rise of music as an art form parallels social, cultural and technical developments. Each part of the book begins with a “Prelude”—a brief overview of the forces of history that provided the conditions for the musical development that followed. Our online class is offered in a nine week time frame, making coverage of all aspects of the material in *EoM* impossible. Therefore some chapters have been omitted from the assignment list. I have chosen to focus on Western music. This is not to say that world music isn’t important; it was simply a choice to try to familiarize you with the rich variety of Western art music (including jazz). You are welcome to submit a reflection on your listening to a piece of music from the chapter on world music. It is my hope that you will develop not only an understanding of music but an appreciation and an enthusiasm for wanting to know more.

B. Listening
Knowledge of music through “perceptive listening” is the main feature of this online class. The *Enjoyment of Music* is designed to provide students with guided listening opportunities. All required listening is drawn from *EoM*. There are 43 pieces of music that are required listening during this nine-week course. Some are part of a “Listening Activity” to help students develop an informed perception of music. These “Listening Activities” are interspersed throughout the book. During the first two weeks all listening is drawn from the
listening activities and is used to illustrate some musical concept (melody, rhythm, harmony, texture, form, expression, etc.)
Starting in the third week students are assigned specific pieces from EoM. The authors have included 62 listening guides and consider these guides as one of the most important features of the book. For our online course we have selected 24 works as our primary listening assignments. These 24 required pieces reflecting a wide variety of styles and genres drawn from the 1,000 year history of Western music. Students will have the opportunity to select four additional pieces from remaining 38 listening guides in EoM.

C. Reflections on compositions from the assigned listening.
During the week you are to pick one of the musical compositions to which you are listening and write a reflection on the piece. This assignment serves two purposes; 1) to ensure that you are listening and 2) to help me to assess your work and ultimately to encourage you to develop a deeper appreciation of music. There are ten assigned reflections due throughout the course. Six reflections are to be drawn from the required listening and four others you may select from the 38 unassigned listening guides in the book. These assignments will not be shared with the class. I will look at these and provide you with feedback.

D. Discussing music with your classmates based on weekly discussion forum prompts.
Each week there will be an opportunity for you to discuss with your classmates and with me your experience with music in general and with the Western music presented in this course. Each student is expected to contribute to the group discussion. You will be provided with a question though you are free to digress.

E. Assessments (examinations over material covered in the chapters and a final listening exam)
There will be four main assessments of your progress in this course. Three of the exams will be 20 question multiple choice tests drawn from the readings. The final exam will be listening identification drawn from the required listening exercises. You will be played a 1 minute excerpt from 15 of the 24 required pieces. You will be asked to identify each excerpt by title, composer and style period (Renaissance, Baroque, Classical etc.) Each will be administered through Blackboard and will be timed. There will also be a window of time in which you may take the exam.

IV. Grades
Final grades will be determined as follows:

Exams (4) – 60%
Reflection Papers – 30%
Discussion Board Participation – 10%

Extra Credit Opportunities
In the event that you miss or fail an exam you have the opportunity to raise your grade by writing additional reflections on the music in the course textbook. For each additional reflection you can receive up to 3 points.
A second option would be to attend a live concert and write a reflection about it. To receive credit you must provide two things: a program of the concert and a reflection. You can receive up to four extra percentage points.

**Technical Requirements**
You will need the latest version of Adobe Flash Player in order to view the interactive materials and music included with your book (unless you are using the iPhone/iPad edition). Flash Player is free and is available at [Adobe’s website](http://www.adobe.com). You will also need a computer with working speakers in order to listen to the music we will be studying. Headphones are recommended!

**Technical Support**
For general questions about accessing Blackboard and course materials, please contact Becky Brewer at becky.brewer@doane.edu. Help is also available from the Doane Helpdesk at helpdesk@doane.edu, 402.826.8411 or by submitting the form at [http://www.doane.edu/about-doane/offices/its/help-and-support](http://www.doane.edu/about-doane/offices/its/help-and-support).

**Disabilities**
Students with disabilities substantially limiting a major life activity are eligible for reasonable accommodations in college programs, including this course. Accommodations provide equal opportunity to obtain the same level of achievement while maintaining the standards of excellence of the college. If you have a disability that may interfere with your participation or performance in this course, please contact me to discuss disability related accommodations and other special learning needs.

**Major Assignment Due Dates**

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