

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number & Title: 24942
Introduction to Rock Music, MUS 105

Instructor:
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Course Credit:
3

Office Hour:
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Days/Hour
MW: 8:30am-9:50am
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Course Description:

This course is designed to:

- teach the history of rock and roll as a musical genre
- familiarize the student with the major styles of rock music and the elements that define those styles
- develop active listening skills and the ability to discuss rock music intelligently

Required Materials:

John Covach, *What's That Sound?: An Introduction to Rock and Its History* (Fourth Edition),
Norton, 2015
ISBN 978-0-393-93725-1

OR you can purchase an Ebook for a lower price at:

http://books.wwnorton.com/nortonebooks/buychoice.aspx?siteId=rockhistory3_ebook

Additional Materials:

Much of your time this term will be spent listening to key recordings from each period of rock history. All the recordings and documented performances for the class will be accessible on the internet through youtube or spotify.

Course Outcomes:

1. Identify rock music and its subgenres by stylistic traits.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of rock music history through critical and analytical listening.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of rock music history and its relationship to society from 1920 to the present.
4. Identify and analyze complex practices, values, and beliefs reflected in rock music history.
5. Demonstrate the culturally and historically defined meanings of difference in rock music history and American culture.
6. Differentiate between the stylistic traits of key rock 'n' roll artists and the eras of rock music history.

Course Expectations:

Reading assignments should be completed prior to class sessions. All music works discussed in the readings should be listened to at the same time. Both are essential for learning the material. There are chapter outlines for each chapter in the book at: <http://www.norton.com/college/music/whats-that-sound3/>
Attendance is mandatory and vital for grasping the coursework.

Assessment Methods & Grading Policy:

Attendance/Participation: 15%

Quizzes: 35% (5)

Midterm: 25%

Final: 25%

Try not to miss any classes but especially when there are quizzes or tests. They are an integral part of your grade for the class. Missed quizzes will be marked down 1 letter grade and may only be made up at the discretion of the instructor.

Midterm Exam: 8:30-9:50am Wed. Oct. 28th

Final Exam: 7:30-9:20am Tuesday, Dec. 8th

Disabilities Services:

If you are having difficulty and are in need of academic support because of a documented disability, whether it be psychiatric, learning, physical, hard of hearing, or sensory, you may be eligible for academic accommodations through disabilities services. Contact the disabilities services office at 541-917-4789

The following timeline is subject to change.

Music 105 Introduction to Rock History

Week 1 and 2: Chapters 1-3

Class 01 Mon. Sep. 28th

Lecture: Welcome, Syllabus, Introduction

Assignment:

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 02 Wed. Sep. 30th

Lecture: Introduction cont. and Chapter 1

Assignment: Reading and listening pp. 1-73 (Introduction and Chapter 1)

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 03 Mon. Oct. 5th

Lecture: Chapter 2

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapters 2

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 04 Wed. Oct. 7th

Lecture: Chapter 2 and 3 (Review for quiz next Mon.)

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapters 2 and 3

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Week 3-5: Chapters 4-6

Class 05 Mon. Oct. 12th

Lecture: Chapter 4 if time permits after Quiz

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 4/Chapter Quiz #1

Quiz: Chapter Quiz #1 on Chapter 1-3 (multiple choice, short answer)

Graded: Attendance/Participation/Quiz

Class 06 Wed. Oct. 14th

Lecture: Chapter 4

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 4

Graded: Attendance/Participation

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Class 07 Mon. Oct. 19th

Lecture: Chapter 5 (Review for listening quiz on Wed.)

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 5

Graded: Attendance/Participation

Class 08 Wed. Oct. 21st

Lecture: Chapter 6

Listening Quiz: Listening Quiz #1 (Chapters 1-5)

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 6

Graded: Attendance/Participation/Quiz

Class 09 Mon. Oct. 26th

Lecture: Chapter 6 cont. Review for Midterm

Assignment: Review Ch. 1-6

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 10 Wed. Oct. 28th

Exam: Midterm Exam

Assignment: Review Chapters 1-6

Graded: Attendance/Participation/Midterm Exam

Week 6 and 7: Chapters 7-9

Class 11 Mon. Nov. 2nd

Lecture: Chapter 7

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 7

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 12 Wed. Nov. 4th

Lecture: Chapter 8

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 8

Graded: Attendance and Participation

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Class 13 Mon. Nov. 9th

Lecture: Chapter 9

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 9

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 14 Wed. Nov. 11th

Veterans Day, No School

Week 8 and 9: Chapters 10-12

Class 15 Mon. Nov. 16th

Lecture: Chapter 10, Review Ch. 7-10 for Chapter Quiz#2 next Monday

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 10

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 16 Wed. Nov. 18th

Lecture: Review for listening Quiz #2 on Mon. Chapter 11 if time permits after written Quiz #2

Quiz: Chapter Quiz #2 on Chapters 7-10 (multiple choice, short answer)

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 11

Graded: Attendance/Participation/Quiz

Class 17 Mon. Nov. 23rd

Lecture: Chapter 11

Listening Quiz: Listening Quiz #2 (Chapters 6-10)

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 11

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 18 Wed. Nov. 25th

Lecture: Chapter 12

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 12

Graded: Attendance and Participation

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Week 10: Chapters 13-14 and Review

Class 19 Mon. Nov. 30th

Lecture: Chapter 13 and 14, Review for Listening Quiz#3 on Wed.

Review for Final exam chapters 8-14

Assignment: Reading and listening Chapter 14 cont., review chapter 8-14

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 20 Wed. Dec. 2nd

Lecture: Review for Final exam Chapter 7-14

Listening Quiz: Listening Quiz #3 (Chapters 11-14)

Assignment: Review chapters 8-14

Graded: Attendance and Participation

Class 21 Tues. Dec. 8th

Final Exam: 7:30-9:20am