

MUS 131 Understanding Music

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Office Hours: By appointment.

Catalog Description: Lecture and directed listening of the elements of music, forms of music, and an introduction to the history of music of Western civilization.

Course Objectives: To improve ability to listen to music with better comprehension of form, style, and other basic musical concepts, and to gain an understanding of the historical development of Western music, as show by the ability to discuss the music in a meaningful way.

Music 131 will help the student to develop a basic musical understanding, including the vocabulary and historical chronology necessary to appreciate the music of Western culture (Associate Degree Outcome 6), and to learn to recognize that musical events are regulated by social and personal factors (Associate Degree Outcome 5).

JCC Attendance Policy: Instructors may grade on attendance. Each instructor will include in the course syllabus a specific attendance policy.

Instructor Attendance Policy: Two tardies and two absences are allowed. Your grade will reduced by 0.25 for additional instances of tardiness and and 0.5 for additional absences. Excused absences will only be allowed for verified instances of illness and family emergencies (that requires proof).

Required Text: *The Enjoyment of Music*, 11th ed. (shorter version), by Kristine Forney and Joseph Machlis.

Assignments: Reading, as assigned in class. Attendance at one concert with prior approval by me, with listening report.

Grading: Exams, 90 percent. Listening reports and classroom participation, 10 percent. Grading scale is as follows (values are percentages):

100-93 = 4.0	69-62 = 2.0
92-85 = 3.5	61-54 = 1.5
84-78 = 3.0	53-46 = 1.0
77-70 = 2.5	45-38 = 0.5

Makeup exams will not be given.

Criteria for Evaluating Participation: Reading assigned chapters and doing listening assignments, as evidenced by constructive participation in class discussions.

Classroom Behavior: Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. If I deem your behavior to be disruptive, you will be asked to leave the room; this will count as an absence against your final grade. Please be courteous and do not talk over other people. To not talk while I am addressing the class. All electronic devices MUST BE TURNED OFF while class is in session.

This syllabus is not a contract. The instructor reserves the right to modify it as deemed necessary.