

MUSI 1310

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FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

MUSIC: AMERICAN MUSIC: CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

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MUSI 1301: AMERICAN MUSIC: CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

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Purpose of Course: To acquire a broad perspective of the history, sounds, and styles of the music commonly called Contemporary American Music. Students will become familiar with significant musician performers, composers, bandleaders, performance venues, recordings, and cultural happenings that have encouraged and continue to encourage the development and evolution of American Music. By reading text assignments, attending class lectures, observing live performances, and listening to jazz recordings, students will develop a mature and individualized understanding of the art form.

Required Materials: To Be Announced

Grading:

100 points	Exam #1
100 pints	Exam #2
100 points	Exam #3
100 points	Research paper

400= TOTAL POINTS

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend class regularly. Alacrity is appreciated. The instructor will take roll in class. Because the class will often include group discussion, class attendance is crucial. Consequently, absences will negatively affect a student's final grade. Absences will drop a student's grade based upon the following attendance policy.

1-3 absences: No grade deduction

4th absence: 3- point deduction from final grade

5th absence: 5- point deduction from final grade

* Each additional absence will result in another 5- point deduction from the student's final grade.

Quiz Policy: Students are expected to take assigned quizzes on the scheduled day. If a student fails to be present for the quiz (due to tardiness or absence), the student will NOT be allowed to "make up" the quiz without a valid excuse, such as a medical or family emergency.

Accommodations: South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or age (SPC Equal Opportunity Policy – General Catalog)

Disabilities Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability

Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

TexBook Program: *This course is in the SPC TexBook program, so you do not need to purchase a textbook or access code for this course.*

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