

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of COMMUNICATION & ARTS

Course Number and Title-- MUSI 1003 Music Appreciation

Catalog Description—(F, S, SUM) A survey of music history with an emphasis on listening to all types of music in order to develop critical listening skills. Includes the works of major composers, media through which music is produced, instruments of the orchestra, voice, elements of music, forms and terminology. Attendance at selected live concerts is required.

Prerequisites--None required. However, this is not one of the courses that can be taken without a demonstrated reading proficiency.

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours--3 Credit / 3 Contact / 3 Load

Target Audience and Transfer--This course is designed as a general introduction to the art of music for all transfer students. It is also a required course for music majors at most four-year institutions. The course is also structured to appeal to community members who want a college-level experience in music literature.

Learning Outcomes--Students completing this course will

- * demonstrate knowledge of the historical periods of music history.
- * recognize orchestral instruments and standard musical ensembles.
- * utilize the elements of music in basic aural analysis
- * prove competence in the use of a basic list of basic musical terms.
- * show familiarity with local arts venues

Topics—Elements, Standard ensembles, Historical periods and styles, Musical theatre, Opera, Non-Western styles

Forms of Assessment--Tests, evaluation of individual and group assignments, in-class discussion of concert experiences. Instructors of this course will meet yearly to chart selected results from various sections for assessment purposes.