

III. Statement of Course Need

- A. This course complements the four-semester sequence of Music Theory and Musicianship, and is a standard course in all baccalaureate music curricula. As it is the chronological study of the literature, forms and composers in the history of what is termed Western “Art Music”, its content is part of every musician’s knowledge base. The two semesters of Music History are offered as second year or sophomore courses.
- B. This course transfers to most Associate and Bachelor music programs as a program requirement, program elective or elective dependent upon the transfer institution.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A. Free elective
- B. This course serves as a program requirement for the AFA Music degree, applied music track.
- C. To see course transferability for New Jersey colleges and universities, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; for other colleges and universities, go to the individual college website.

V. Outline of Course Content

- A. Our musical heritage from antiquity.
- B. The early Christian era: ecclesiastical chant and the Roman liturgy.
- C. The early Middle Ages: medieval monophony and Gothic polyphony (11th-13th centuries).
- D. Middle and late Medieval music: Ars antiqua and Ars nova: Machaut, Dunstable, (13th and 14th centuries)
- E. The transition to renaissance style: duFay, Binchois (15th c.)
- F. The Renaissance: Franco-Netherlands composers—Ockeghem, Obrecht, Josquin, et al. (15th-16th centuries.)
- G. The rise of regional styles: Italy, France, England, Germany, Spain (16th c.)
- H. Reformation and Counter-Reformation: Luther, Byrd, Palestrina, Victoria, Lassus (16th c.)
- I. Renaissance instrumental music; the Venetian school: Gabrieli (16th c.)
- J. The Baroque era: two practices, three styles (from 1600).
- K. Baroque vocal music: monody, opera, Monteverdi, oratorio, Schutz, cantata.
- L. Baroque instrumental music: types, instruments, keyboard music, ensemble music.
- M. Eminent composers of the 18th century: Vivaldi (Italy), Telemann (Germany), Rameau (France), J.S. Bach (Germany), Handel (England).

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. identify the major composers of the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods and give examples of significant works of each composer.
2. compare and contrast the musical styles of different historical periods or of different composers within a single period.
3. characterize the elements of musical styles found in the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods with examples from the literature.
4. trace the evolution of our musical language and the development of forms through the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods.
5. apply an historical perspective, showing the relationships between music, the other arts and other human conditions from the early Christian era to 1750. (GE 1,6,7)

B. Assessment Instruments

1. Research essays
2. Portfolios (style analyses of works studied)
3. Examinations: aural and written

VII. Grade Determinants

- A. Examinations
- B. Detailed stylistic formal analyses of selected works
- C. Completion and presentation of researched materials on selected topics
- D. Attendance and classroom participation

Formats, modes and methods that may be used for teaching and learning:

- A. Lecture/discussion
- B. Small-group work
- C. Student oral presentations and researched projects
- D. Independent study
- E. Recorded musical examples of stylistic performances
- F. Attendance at live concerts
- G. Possible guest lecturers and/or performers
- H. Possible student performances

VIII. Texts and Materials

Text(s): (such as)

- A. A Brief History of Western Music (based on the latest Grout-Palisca), Barbara Russano Hanning, W. W. Norton (latest edition), with Study and Listening Guide (Burkholder)
- B. Primary score and music source: Norton Anthology of Western Music, with accompanying CD set or web access code

(Please note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

IX. Resources

- A. Sound proof Music Classroom with piano
- B. Stereo and media systems, internet access
- C. Marker-board with musical staff lines
- D. Library of recorded and videotaped performances
- E. Library of music scores

X. Check One: Honors Course N/A