

MUSI 1310

DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

MUSIC: AMERICAN MUSIC: CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

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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 points	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.

COVID-19 Statement

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Crystal Gilster, Director of Health and Wellness, Phone: 806.716.2362 Email: cgilster@southplainscollege.edu

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy,

license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College