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Music/History (MUHS)

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acquisition of "survival" skills to be a responsible, involved, and

contributing student in the MSU community. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - New Student

Seminar.

MUGN237 Title Appreciation of the Opera.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Styles and approaches in music for purposes of dramatic characterization, atmosphere and plot development. Representative works in English, Italian, French and German, from Monteverdi to the present. Emphasis on opera and

modern musical.

MUGN238 Title Orchestral Literature.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Representative genres and styles for large instrumental ensembles from the

early Baroque era to the present.

MUGN241 Title Conversations Between Music and the Visual Arts.

Number and type of credits

Course Description

3 hours lecture.

This course considers how composers and visual artists have relied on each other's media as sources of inspiration and innovative models from the latter half of the nineteenth century Europe to our contemporary multi-cultural artistic scene. We explore these relationships from a thematic standpoint, focusing in particular on the formal and metaphoric qualities of color, time and space. These themes are considered from a variety of historical and contemporary perspectives. Meets Gen Ed 2002 - Fine and Performing Arts.

MUGN309 Title The Art of Jazz.

Prerequisites MUGN 109.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Development of jazz in America and abroad; sociological implications in

American society and the impact of jazz upon contemporary composition. Meets

World Cultures Requirement.

MUGN499 Title Independent Study in Music.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Project and/or study planned with sponsoring faculty member. May be repeated

twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

MUHS106 Title Diverse Worlds of Music.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

MUHS106 Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An introduction to the diverse nature of the music experience by examining

various traditions from Africa, Asia, South America, Europe and North America.

Develops listening skills and considers the role of performer and their

audiences in multiple frameworks, including ritual, political and the world of

entertainment.

MUHS307 Title Music in Time, Place and Ideas: Up to 1700.

Prerequisites MUCP 102; and ENWR 105 or HONP 100; Music majors and minors only.

Corequisites MUCP 201.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Studies in Western music from its beginnings to 1700. An introduction to

music history and criticism; development of analytical methods appropriate to each repertory. Meets the University Writing Requirement for music majors.

MUHS308 Title Music in Time, Place and Ideas: 1700-1890.

Prerequisites MUCP 102; and ENWR 105 or HONP 100; and MUCP 201; Music majors and minors

only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Studies in Western music from 1700 to 1890. An introduction to music history

and criticism; development of analytical methods appropriate to each repertory. Meets the University Writing Requirement for music majors.

MUHS400 Title Selected Topics in Music I.

Prerequisites MUHS 308; Music majors and minors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Intensive study of a single composer or limited array of works. 7-week

course. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

MUHS403 Title Selected Topics in Music History.

Prerequisites MUHS 308; Music majors and minors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Intensive study of composer, a genre or a particular problem in the history of

music. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

MUHS404 Title Selected Topics in Music History.

Prerequisites MUHS 308; Music majors and minors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Intensive study of composer, a genre or a particular problem in the history of

music. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

MUHS407 Title Music in Time, Place and Ideas: 1890 to Present.

Prerequisites MUHS 307 and MUHS 308; Music majors and minors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Studies in Western music from 1890 to the present. An introduction to music

history and criticism; development of analytical methods appropriate to each repertory. Meets the University Writing Requirement for music majors.

MUHS408 Title Problems in Music Historiography.

Prerequisites MUCP 202 and MUHS 308; Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The conditions and preconceptions involved in writing music history with

particular emphasis on the current discussions of "positivism", narrative

historical writing, and the role of "criticism". Special attention to

Mendel's "evidence and explanation", the Kerman-Lowinsky debate and Kerman's

and Treitler's views.

MUHS409 Title Honors - Music in Time, Place and Ideas: 1890 to Present.

Prerequisites MUHS 307 and MUHS 308; and instructor approval (interview); Music majors and

minors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Covers music from Europe and the Americas from 1890 to the present. Advanced

study of music history and criticism; analytical methods appropriate to each

MUHS409 Course Description repertory. Meets the University Writing Requirement for music majors.

MUHS410 Title Music of the 19th Century.

Prerequisites MUHS 308.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The development of 19th century music from the influence of Beethoven through

Romanticism, national schools and into the 20th century.

MUHS411 Title Genre, Style, Form.

Prerequisites MUHS 308.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course raises questions about periodization of music history, ways in

which styles are defined and categories of genres and their social

significance. Emphasis on reception history viewed as the difference between contemporaneous and contemporary accounts of genre, style, and form.

MUHS412 Title Esthetics of Music.

Prerequisites MUHS 308.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A survey of thinking about the nature effects and position of music from

classical Greece to the present.

MUHS499 Title Independent Study in Music History and Literature.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Project and/or study planned with sponsoring faculty member. May be repeated

twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

MUHS500 Title Selected Topic in Music I.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of a specific area. 7-week course. May be repeated once for a maximum

of 6.0 credits.

MUHS501 Title Selected Topics in Music II.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of a specific area. 7-week course. May be repeated once for a maximum

of 6.0 credits.

MUHS502 Title Selected Problems in Music History and Analysis.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A series of projects in music history and analysis involving detailed work on

pieces selected with the needs and interests of members of the class in mind.

May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits.

MUHS505 Title Performance Practice in the Baroque Era.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Problems of esthetics, notation, instrumentation, ornamentation, and

interpretation in vocal and instrumental music from the time of Caccini and

Monteverdi through that of J.S. Bach and Handel.

MUHS506 Title Performance Practice in the Classical Era.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Problems of esthetics, notation, instrumentation, ornamentation, and

interpretation in vocal and instrumental music from the second decade of the

eighteenth century through the works of Beethoven.

MUHS549 Title Modern Music.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Musical styles of the 20th century: historical sources, major composers, and

recent trends.

MUHS554 Title Development of the Opera I.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Operas of the Baroque and Classical eras from Monteverdi through Beethoven;

evolution of style, changing aesthetics, characterization, and plot

development and the cultural environment within which these developments have

taken place.

MUHS555 Title Development of the Opera II.

Prerequisites MUHS 554.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Continuation of MUHS 554, examining operatic styles and representative works

of the Romantic and Modern eras.

MUHS599 Title Independent Study in Music History and Literature.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Course work in one of the regularly listed catalog courses of the department

of Music (but not Applied Music) in depth greater than that normally pursued

in the course. Students will arrange the nature of the work with the

instructor prior to the second meeting of the course. May be repeated once

for a maximum of 8.0 credits.

MUHS600 Title Independent Study Music History and Literature.

Prerequisites John J Cali School of Music approval.

Course Description Individual pursuit of a research topic culminating in a written document of

length and scholarly integrity independent of any course structure. May cover

completed. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 9.0 credits.

MUHS604 Title Seminar in Historical Research.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description Study of music bibliography, research method and critical analysis.

MUHS605 Title Seminar in Historical and Theoretical Studies.

Prerequisites Music majors only.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description Research and discussion of selected topics in the literature of music focusing

on stylistic and analytical problems.

MULT201 Title Keyboard Literature I.

Prerequisites MUCP 102.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Investigation of standard keyboard repertory from the early Baroque through

the early Romantic. Previous course MUPR 201 effective through Spring 2014.

MULT202 Title Keyboard Literature II.

Prerequisites MULT 201.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Investigation of standard keyboard repertory from the early Romantic to the

present. Previous course MUPR 202 effective through Spring 2014.

MULT220 Title Guitar Literature and Techniques I.

Prerequisites MUCP 102. Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Survey of guitar's literature and place in history. Historical perspective of

pedagogic literature. Students will play assigned pieces that illustrate

18th-20th century techniques including scales, tremolo, damping, harmonics, position playing, ornaments, variation. Previous course MULT 220 effective

through Spring 2014.

MULT221 Title Guitar Literature and Techniques II.

Number and type of credits 2 hours lecture.

Course Description Survey of guitar's literature and place in history. Historical perspective of

pedagogic literature. Students will play assigned pieces that illustrate

18th-20th century techniques including scales, tremolo, damping, harmonics, position playing, ornaments, variation. Previous course MUPR 221 effective

through Spring 2014.

MULT230 Title Vocal Repertory from Monody to Mozart.

Prerequisites Majors only, MUPR 131, or John J Cali School of Music approval.