

Course: MU1650-Introduction to World Music

Session: Fall 2006

Credit/Hours: 3(3-0-0) 45 Hours Delivery Mode: Lecture

Transfer: AU, UA, UC, CU, KUC, CUC

Pre/corequisite: None

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Calendar Description:

This is an introduction to Musics of the World and to ethnomusicology, the study of music in a cultural context. Case studies of music from several cultures and continents will be examined.

The development of listening skills is an integral part of this course.

Course Content:

This course is an introduction to, and survey of, music and related culture from several continents around the world. This requires a basic knowledge of music theory and terminology, which will be covered briefly at the beginning of this course. The bulk of the course material will be a series of case studies from several continents. We will listen, often numerous times, to musical examples from these cultures as we try to become familiar with

their unique features.

Evaluation: Student grades will be assigned by the following weighting:

Midterm examination (probably **October 23**) 25% Quizzes 20% Term paper 25% Final examination 30%

The term paper will be a formal paper based upon field research that you will perform by attending at least one cultural event of ethnomusicological significance. The paper will be a minimum of five pages in length (minimum 1250 words), and topics <u>must</u> be chosen in

consultation with the instructor.

Timeline: Papers must be typewritten, and are due on **December 4**, unless you negotiate an extension

well in advance of that date. Extensions will only be given if the scheduling of a particularly attractive cultural event, central to your research, occurs close to or after December 4. You

will receive at least 5 day's notice in advance of each unit quiz that we will write.

Required Jeff Titon, ed. Worlds of Music, 4th ed. 2002 Materials: Set of CDs to accompany Worlds of Music.

Additional Costs:

None

Attendance:

More than 20% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or extenuating circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required. If students fail to complete and submit 85% of the graded requirements of the term mark, they will not be allowed to write the final exam, or complete the course. In such a case, the student will automatically receive a failing grade of "F" on the final exam. You cannot pass this course without submitting the term paper. It is a Fine Arts Department guideline that students will lose 10% a calendar day for submitting projects after the due date. After ten days, a grade of zero (0%) will be recorded.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is cheating. The instructor reserves the right to use electronic plagiarism detection

services. See P. 39-47 of the Calendar for more details, and for explanation of many other

policies and regulations.

Reviewed: March, 2005

Probable Course Schedule

Introduction Chapter One The Music-Culture as a World of Music

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Case Study 1 Chapter Five Bosnia and Central/Southeast Europe: Musics and Musicians in

Transition P. 211-241 Quiz #1

Case Study 2 Chapter Four North America/Black America

P. 151-209 Quiz #2

Chapter 10 Discovering and Documenting a World of Music (Term paper preparation)

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Midterm Exam

Case Study 3 Chapter Three Africa/Ewe, Mande, Dagbamba, Shona, BaAka, Pop

P. 87-149 Quiz #3

Case Study 4 Chapter Six India/South India

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Case Study 5 Chapter Seven Asia/Indonesia

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(May be covered if we have extra time.)

Case study 6

Chapter Two North America/Native America

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<u>OR</u>

Chapter Nine Latin America/Ecuador

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