

Art and Music Seminar ACE 004 (FALL 2010)

T 8:25 – 9:40 PM; Music Room 226 (Recital Hall)

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Supplies (bring with you to all classes)

Textbooks:

(Required). Ace class packet download. (Ursatz.com).

(Optional). *Music: An Appreciation*. Roger Kamien. (ISBN: 0-07-296656-4).
Listen to this! Mark Evan Bonds. (ISBN: 0-20-570815-3).

Other:

Note paper, pencil with eraser.

You may not use writing implements other than pencils.

Quizzes or exams done in anything other than pencil will not be marked and will receive a failing grade, *without exception*.

Grading

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Lecture/Listening quizzes (2)	50%
- Midterm examination	25%
- Final examination	25%

Final letter grades are assigned according to the following scale:

A+ = 97-100	A = 93-96	A- = 90-92
B+ = 87-89	B = 83-86	B- = 80-82
C+ = 77-79	C = 73-76	C- = 70-72
D+ = 67-69	D = 63-66	D- = 60-62
F = 0-59		

Course material is presented in two forms: handouts/downloads, and lectures/listenings. You are responsible for all material, regardless of the medium of presentation. It is of utmost importance that you bring note paper to class and take notes. In the event that you are absent for a lecture, be sure to get the notes for that class from a classmate.

Please note that important information will be posted on my website in the "courses" section.

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR YOUR MIDTERM or FINAL EXAMINATIONS WILL RESULT IN A FAILURE OF MUS 004 (regardless of your average).

Material Covered

This course is intended to be an introductory overview of selected masterpieces of art music in Western culture. The objective is to impart to the student a working knowledge of the basic elements, terminology, developments, historical import, and repertoire of art music from antiquity to the present, with a concentration on art music in Western culture.

Quiz Policy

A student who is absent when any quiz is given has one week from the original quiz date to schedule a time to take an *equivalent* quiz. The make-up quiz must be *taken* within 10 days of the original quiz date. Failure to take a quiz will result in a grade of "0" being entered for the quiz.

It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher about taking the make-up quiz.

THE ONE-WEEK DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

In-Class Technology Policy

Students are expected to have pagers, cell phones, digital cameras, etc. put away during class time (though they may be kept on).

During quizzes and exams, these devices are to be put away and *turned off*.

Email

Students are *strongly* encouraged to enter my email address and the class open forum address into their email address book and/or on their "safe list." This is particularly true of those with AOL accounts. Notifications from ISPs that legitimate emails sent from me or the class open forum have been tagged as spam will result in the removal of the student's address from the open forum list. This could result in missing important class announcements, for which I take no responsibility.

Notable Dates

NO CLASS:

Sept 9 (Monday Schedule)

Nov 25 (Rosh Hashana)

QUIZES / EXAMS

Sept 23

Oct 21

Nov 18

Dec 16

Quiz 1

MIDTERM

Quiz 2

FINAL EXAM

FAQs

Why must I use a pencil and not a pen?

The quizzes and exams are multiple choice and use a scantron machine. The machine will not recognize answers done in anything except pencil.

Are there any essay questions?

No, just multiple choice.

Is extra credit available?

No.

Are the quizzes and exams cumulative?

Yes, though the quizzes *tend to concentrate* on the most recent material done in class.

How many questions are on the quizzes and exams?

It depends. The quizzes usually have 20-30 questions. The midterm usually has a bit more (30-40 questions). The final exam will have more (probably about 50 questions).

Are grades ever curved?

On very rare occasions, I will add points to an entire class's grade for a quiz or exam (for example, if a majority of students miss a particular quiz question). This is usually done as a percentile bump (e.g., I'll simply add 5% to everyone's grade).

No one *ever* loses points in a "curve" in this class.

Make-up quizzes, however, are *never* curved.

What's the best way to study for this class?

There are many effective ways to study for this class.

- Flashcards are a useful tool for learning terminology.
- Another method is to go through your notes and ask yourself "How could Dr. Chernov turn this into a question?"
- GROUP STUDYING IS ALWAYS BENEFICIAL; even if you have terrific notes, chances are someone else will have something you don't, and vice versa.
- The class list (ace@lists.ursatz.com) is also available.

Is extra help available?

Absolutely. The reason my office hours are "by appointment" is so that I can work with students to try and be available to help when *students* (and I) can *both* make it. (There is nothing more annoying in college than when a teacher's "office hour" is at a time during which the student is never available). Students seeking extra help must *ask for it*, though!

Can we leave when the quiz/exam is done?

The quizzes are very short (generally 15 minutes or less). Similarly, the midterm is not long. I will be teaching class after the quizzes and exams are given.

Obviously, one may leave after the final exam.