

MUS 103 —Music in Western Civilization
Fall 2025
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:15 PM

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Course Description and Course Goals

This course examines the characteristics and development of 19th-century classical music starting with the death of W.A. Mozart through contemporary art music. Topics in this course helps students gain greater awareness of cultural and global trends.

Course Outcomes

Students in this course will learn:

- the development of Western art music, starting from the classical era

Eligibility

- No prerequisite

Course Credits

3 hrs.

Required Texts and Other Materials

There are required handouts which will be available online. All additional required readings and listening assignments will be made available to the students by the instructor in a timely manner.

Course Organization

Course material is presented in three forms: lectures (sometimes with handouts), listening and reading assignments, and musical demonstrations. We will be listening to many recordings and watching several video presentations. You are responsible for all material, regardless of the medium of presentation. It is of utmost importance that you *take notes* on the class material. IMPORTANT: as fun as watching videos and listening to recordings is, you are responsible for the material!

Student Information

A student information survey is given on the first day of class. This collects the following information for the professor: (1) student's name, (2) preferred name, if applicable, (4) pronouns, (4) the student's email address, (5) website, if applicable, (6) major, (7) major teacher (applicable for music majors only), (8) any other additional information the student wishes to communicate to the professor.

Grading Criteria

Final letter grades are assigned according to the following scale:

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

Participation	20%
Quiz #1	15%
Midterm Exam	20%
Quiz #2	15%
Final Exam	30%
Attendance:	See below.

Example (assuming no attendance issues):

Participation:	100
Quiz #1:	85
Midterm Exam:	78
Quiz #2:	90
Final Exam:	86

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FINAL GRADE: } & (100 \cdot .2) + (85 \cdot .15) + (78 \cdot .2) + (90 \cdot .15) + (86 \cdot .3) = \\ & (20) + (12.75) + (15.6) + (13.5) + (25.8) = \\ & 87.65 = \\ & \mathbf{B+}\end{aligned}$$

Dates

Quiz #1	25 Sept 2025
Midterm Exam	16 Oct 2025
Quiz #2	13 Nov 2025
Final Exam	09 Dec 2025

Quiz/Exam Policies

A student who is absent when any quiz or exam is given must take an *equivalent quiz/exam* in the class after the original quiz/exam date. Failure to take a quiz/exam will result in a grade of "0" being entered for the quiz/exam.

FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR YOUR FINAL EXAM WILL RESULT IN A FAILURE OF MUS 103 (regardless of your average).

You may not use writing implements other than pencils for quizzes or exams. Quizzes or exams done in anything except pencil will not be marked and will receive a failing grade.

Attendance

Class attendance is expected of all students.

Students are expected to show up to class on time. A 2-point reduction on the student's final grade will result for every 2 instances of tardiness.

To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late.

Attending class on time is in your best interest. Here are the principal guidelines:

Every student is allowed two tardies or one unexcused absence in both ensembles and classes. Tardy is arriving after the start of class, and an unexcused absence is more than 15 minutes late. Examples of this include if a student arrives 20 minutes late and attends for the remainder of class, leaves early, or is gone for an extended period of time; these are all examples where the student would be considered absent.

Of note: Tardies are counted cumulatively. If a student is 10 minutes late to one class, then 10 minutes late the next, this is counted cumulatively as 20 minutes late (i.e., it will be counted as an absence).

If a student receives two unexcused absences (or four tardies) the student's semester grade will be reduced by half a letter grade (e.g., B+ => B) If a student receives four or more unexcused absences (or eight tardies) the student automatically fails the course. If a student receives six or more excused absences (such as a medical exception) the student will receive a "NC" for the course.

Course/Classroom Policies

Students are expected to have 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*.

NO so-called “wearable” computers (e.g., Apple Watch™) are allowed to be used in the classroom.

NO Audio recordings or videos of any kind may be taken during class. Violation of this policy will result in failure on all work for that day (first offence) or failure of the course (second offence).

Photographs of the material on the board may be taken *with the permission of the instructor*. This permission must be acquired for each instance. The taking of photographs without permission will result in failure on all work for that day (first offence) or failure of the course (second offence).

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." 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.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK THEIR EMAIL REGULARLY.

University Policies and Information

LIU's Academic Affairs policies are located on the University website at:

<https://liu.edu/about/LIU-policy/policy-by-category-listing>

LIU Academic Catalogs may be found at:

<https://liu.edu/enrollment-services/registration/academic-catalogs>

The LU Academic Calendar may be found at:

<https://liu.edu/enrollment-services/registration/academic-calendar>

LIU Student Support Services

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Students with Disabilities

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, including changes made by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, I will make accommodations for students with disabilities. It is necessary for those students to provide me with the appropriate DSS Accommodations Form by the end of the second week of classes. Please contact the office of Disability Support Services in The Learning Center at 718-488-1095 or by emailing Bk-learningcenter@liu.edu to take appropriate steps to develop an appropriate educational plan.

If you are a student with a documented disability, medical condition, or think you may have a disability, and will need accommodations, academic adjustments, auxiliary aids, or other services, please contact the Office of Disability Support Services by calling 718-488-1095 or emailing Bk-learningcenter@liu.edu to request services, accommodations or for additional information. Additional information is also available on the DSS website: <https://liu.edu/student-success/learning-center>.

The Learning Center

LIU Brooklyn offers free tutoring in math, sciences, and other subject areas as well as reading/writing. For information about how to register for tutoring, contact:

Email: Bk-learningcenter@liu.edu

Phone: 718-488-1095 for reading/writing tutors; 718-488-1040 for subject tutors

Location: The Learning Center, Library 4th Floor (LLC 405)

The Writing Center

The Writing Center at Brooklyn provides free writing assistance to all students. Writing assistants can work with you at any point in your writing process from helping to clarify an assignment or prompt, through brainstorming, organizing, and developing your ideas, citing your sources, and polishing your writing.

Email: Bkln-wcenter@liu.edu

Phone: 718-488-1095

Location: The Learning Center, Library 4th Floor (LLC 405)

To access information about our location and hours of operation, as well as links to writing resources:

- 1) click on the Community tab in Blackboard,
- 2) then click on Writing Center,
- 3) enroll to join the Blackboard Writing Center organization using the enrollment code: Wr1tingC&nter,
- 4) then select Brooklyn Writing Center or visit us online: wcentersite.wixsite.com/wc-online.

Follow us on Instagram for information and updates: @brooklynwc

If you have any questions, please email us at Bkln-wcenter@liu.edu or contact the associate director, Lynn Hassan (Lynn.Hassan@liu.edu), 718-488-1095.

Brooklyn Healthy Living

Long Island University students have access to on-campus mental health counseling services, religious and spiritual counseling, health and wellness programs, and telehealth and local in-person health care.

Website: www.liu.edu/brooklyn/healthyliving

LIU Healthy Living is a collaboration of on-campus resources and relationships with local health organizations and professionals, including [Northwell Health College Behavioral Health Program](#), the [LIU Brooklyn Psychological Services Center](#), and [Northwell Health – GoHealth](#).

The Psychological Services Center provides confidential counseling to currently enrolled Brooklyn students. Counseling sessions are conducted by appointment only and can be requested via email. Students have the option to call or walk in to make an advanced appointment for an initial screening.

Psychological Services Center

Website: <https://liupsc.com/>

Hours: Mondays 10am-4pm

Wednesdays 1pm-4pm

Thursdays 10am-4pm

Location: Pratt Building 510

Phone: 718-488-1266

Email: bkln-psychservices@liu.edu

Withdrawal Dates:

- The last day of the add-drop period is 21 May 2025.
- The last day to withdraw from the course is 06 June 2025.