

IDS 2935: Artistic Revelation

Quest 1: The Examined Life

I. General Information

Class Meetings

- Spring 2026
- In-Person Instruction
- MWF | Period 4 (10:40 AM – 11:30 AM)
- MUB 120

Instructor

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Course Description

Students in this course will examine texts that composers set to music, identify elements in the text that influence the way the words are set to music, explore what the poet and composer/songwriter were trying to express, and evaluate whether the musical settings are successful. The repertoire selected for study in this course is primarily from, but not exclusive to, the Western canon. Students will learn how to interpret the meaning of both the text and music, what poets and musicians were attempting to convey through their art, and what it means for us as the audience of that art.

Additional Course Information

What can great works of poetry, prose, and music teach us about ourselves: who we are, where we've come from, and where we're going? Great works of art push boundaries. They are not only of their time but continue to speak through the years. Throughout history, composers and songwriters have used the written word to inspire and give meaning to their music. In this course, students will examine the world through the lens of "song" and use what they learn to help answer questions about how they think about the world; how they want to fit into the world; and how or why they should seek to change it.

Throughout this course, students must necessarily learn rudimentary poetic and musical active listening techniques. However, students will not simply use these skills to understand a few select

works of poetry or music. Instead, students will use the skills to consider what the world was like in a particular time and place so they can answer questions like: how is my world different? how is it the same? what has changed? and what should change?

Quest and General Education Credit

- Quest 1
- Humanities
- International

This course accomplishes the [Quest](#) and [General Education](#) objectives of the subject areas listed above. A minimum grade of C is required for Quest and General Education credit. Courses intended to satisfy Quest and General Education requirements cannot be taken S-U.

Required Readings and Works

All readings and links for listening assignments are available in Canvas under “Modules” and “Files.”

Materials and Supplies Fees: n/a

II. Graded Work

Description of Graded Work

Graded Work	Due Date	Points	% of Overall Grade
Attendance and Participation	Students will be notified of the status of this grade after the midterm assignment is returned.	Attendance: 80 pts Participation: 20 pts Total: 100 pts	30%
Homework Assignments	2-3 Homework assignments per week Assignments are due by 10AM Late assignments will not be accepted	5 pts / Assignment	25%
Group Song Project	Group presentation dates assigned within 1-2 weeks of class. Song choice approved a week before presentation date.	Group Grade: 80 pts Individual Grade: 20 pts Total: 100 pts	10%
Midterm Mixtape	11:59 PM Monday Feb, 23	Form: 60 pts Parameters: 40 pts Total: 100 pts	10%
Experiential Learning Essay (500-1000 words)	One week after guest presentation or performance Student may also attend a concert outside of class time but there must be singing and the essay is due one week after the event. No papers will be accepted past 11:59 PM Dec. 3	Essay: 100 pts	10%
Final Thesis-Driven Analytical Essay (1,000-1,500 words)	Topics Submitted for approval on Friday, April 10 Final Paper due on Friday, April 24 at 11:59 PM	100 pts	15%

Attendance and Participation (30% of Overall Grade)

Attendance and Participation Grade: 100 points

Attendance: 80 points

Participation: 20 Points

Attendance will be taken at every class meeting and recorded in the Canvas gradebook. You are allowed two unexcused absences for the semester. Each absence that does not meet university criteria for “excused” will result in a 5-point reduction to the student’s attendance grade. Three tardies will equate to one unexcused absence. See section VI of this syllabus for excused absence policy.

Example: Student X has 3 unexcused absences and 4 tardies.

Attendance: 70/80

Participation: 18/20

Attendance and Participation Grade: 88/100

Participation Rubric

Consistent, informed, thoughtful, and considerate class participation is expected and will be evaluated using the rubric below. The instructor will inform you of your participation grade to date when mid-term assignments are returned and schedule a conference if you are earning below 60% of the possible points.

NOTE: If you have personal issues that prohibit you from joining freely in class discussion, e.g., shyness, language barriers, etc., see the instructor as soon as possible to discuss alternative modes of participation.

Excellent 17-20 pts	Good 14-16 pts	Average 11-13 pts	Below Average 8-10 pts	Unsatisfactory 1-7 pts
Shows knowledge of having done assigned work. Carefully evaluates issues raised in assigned work and class discussion. Takes the perspectives of others into account and listens attentively.	Shows knowledge of having done most of the assigned work. Carefully evaluates issues raised in most assigned work and class discussion. Mostly takes perspectives of others into account. Listens attentively most of the time.	Shows knowledge of having done half of assigned work. Carefully evaluates issues raised in half of assigned work and class discussion. Generally takes perspectives of others into account. Listens attentively half of the time.	Shows less than average knowledge of having done assigned work. Below average evaluation of issues raised in work and class discussion. Has show less than average ability to take the perspective of others into account. Student does not appear to be listening attentively.	Shows little to no knowledge of having done assigned work. Little to no evaluation of issues raised in work and class discussion. Student shows little to no ability to take perspectives of others into account. Student is rarely listening attentively.

Homework Assignments (25% of Overall Grade)

Students will receive a total of 20 Homework assignments over the course of the semester, averaging 1-2 per week. These assignments will be posted to canvas by the Friday of the week beforehand. *For example, a Homework assignment for Mon. 9/16, Wed. 9/18, or Fri. 9/20 will be posted to Canvas on or before Fri. 9/13.*

Canvas homework assignments will present in one of four formats:

1. Short essay response to the assigned reading and/or listening
 - 250-500 words
2. Completion of a survey or poll
 - Students will be provided with a link to complete a survey.
3. Quote/Question/Comment or “QQC”
 - In response to an assigned reading, the student will submit the following:
 - i. Quote: Choose a quote from the reading which was particularly illuminating to you.
 - ii. Question: Pose a question for discussion in class.
 - iii. Comment: Comment on a specific passage or the overall takeaway from the text.
4. Discussion Post
 - Students will be asked to give a short response to a discussion question and then read and comment on 2-3 responses from classmates.

Homework assignments are due by 10AM on the assigned class day. Students will receive a grade from 0-5 for their submissions. Two of the student’s lowest Homework Assignment scores will be dropped at the end of the semester. Late submissions will not be accepted unless the student has an excused absence for that day of class. If the student has an excused absence and is unable to complete their homework, they will need to touch base with the Graduate Assistant, Jens Watts, who will allow for the student to submit their homework to canvas past the due date.

Homework Assignment Grading Rubric

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Student completed all components of the assignment. Student exhibits thorough and thoughtful engagement with the material.	Student left out 1-2 components of the assignment. Student shows limited engagement with materials.	Student left out 2-3 components of the assignment. Student shows almost no engagement with materials	No assignment was completed. Student turned in the assignment after 10AM the morning it was due.

Group Song Project (10% of Overall Grade)

Groups will be assigned within the first two weeks of class. Approximately 1-2 groups will present per week over the course of the semester. Each group will give a 10-12 Minute presentation on a song which relates to the theme of their assigned week. This presentation can either be in podcast or class presentation form.

The song choice and recording must be approved a week before the groups assigned presentation date. *For example, if you are presenting on a Monday, the song choice and recording must be approved by the prior Monday.*

If your group decides to present as a podcast, this must be recorded together and in the same location, not 6-7 different voice recordings sliced together with different audio qualities for each one.

If your group decides to present to the class, every member is expected to speak within the group presentation.

Each group member will receive separate grades for their project which will reflect a combination of their group's overall performance (80%) and the student's individual performance (20%).

You will submit your group project to Canvas before 10am on the day of your presentation. Submissions should include the following:

1. Presentation Slideshow OR Podcast episode audio
2. PDF Digital handout for the class
3. PDF document which details how each group member participated in the group project and includes a YouTube link to access the recording you choose to play in class.

Individual Final Grade on Group Song Project: 100 pts

Group Grade: 80 pts

Individual Grade: 20 pts

Group Presentation Grade Rubric (80 pts)

<u>Graded Components</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>80 Points</u>
Historical Context	<p>What are the birth & death years for the composer and poet?</p> <p>What are the dates of writing/composition?</p> <p>Was there a significant historical or life event which led to the composition of this work?</p> <p>How might one interpret this song now vs. when it was composed?</p> <p>What was going on in the world at the time of composition?</p>	10 pts
Poetic Analysis	<p>Discuss the structure and content of the poem. This may include the meter, rhyme scheme, metaphors, imagery, poetic devices, and message/ meaning.</p> <p>What is the overall form of the poem?</p> <p>What is the message behind the poetry?</p> <p>Who wrote the words?</p>	10 pts
Musical Analysis	<p>How does the composer interpret the text?</p> <p>What are elements that we can hear with active listening?</p> <p>Discuss the overall form of the song and any other relevant musical devices.</p> <p>Describe the vocalist and their style of singing.</p> <p>How effective is the singer in communicating the words and/or message?</p> <p><i>Short excerpts may be played during the presentation – Keep in the time limit in mind</i></p>	10 pts
Performance	<p>Students may perform their piece in class, or they may provide a YouTube link for a specific recording.</p> <p>Tell us what led to your choice of format (in-class performance or digital link).</p> <p>Why did you choose this specific performance to share with the class?</p> <p>What does the performer add to the listening experience?</p> <p>If you chose a YouTube link, did you opt for a live performance recording or a music video? If you opted for a music-only audio experience (aka a recording on YouTube which has no visual element), what led to this decision?</p>	10 pts
Digital Handout	<p>The handout should contain detailed and important information: visual aids, definitions, listening guide, etc.</p> <p>If you decide to give a PowerPoint presentation with handout, we want the bulk of the information in the handout – not the PowerPoint. The PowerPoint should not appear too wordy but should serve as an outline for your overall presentation, with bulleted prompts to guide the presenter on what to say.</p> <p>Part of the handout should include a listening guide with timestamps that will help your classmates better identify the elements you discuss as the piece is performed.</p>	10 pts
Equitable Work Distribution	<p>Every group member should be an active participant within the presentation.</p> <p>Every group member should speak in the presentation.</p> <p>No one member should have completed the bulk of the work.</p>	10 pts.
Presentation Skill and Organization of Material	<p>Was the group organized and was the presentation rehearsed?</p> <p>Did group members speak with authority and confidence on their material, making eye contact with the audience, and only glancing momentarily at their notes.</p> <p>Are PowerPoint slides easy to read, with condensed material which outlines what the speaker will present to the class?</p> <p>All sources should be properly cited with MLA format at the end of the PowerPoint- this includes pictures and links to digital media.</p> <p>For podcasts, All sources should be listed in MLA on your handout.</p>	10 pts
Question and Answer	<p>Prepare 2-3 questions for discussion amongst classmates.</p> <p>Be prepared to field questions from the class.</p>	5 pts
Time Limit	<p>10-12 minutes</p> <p>Groups will be graded on how they cover the material within the time limit.</p> <p>The timer will start <u>after</u> completion of the live performance or YouTube link.</p> <p>Q & A will take place after the timed presentation.</p>	5 pts

Individual Grade Rubric (20 pts)

Graded Components	20 pts
Individual shows knowledge of the presented material	5 pts
Individual communicates this information clearly to the audience	5 pts
Individual presents their material in an organized fashion.	5 pts
Individual makes an equitable contribution to the presentation.	5 pts

Experiential Learning (10% of Overall Grade)

Throughout the semester, there will be several guest performers and guest presenters visiting the class. Write a self-reflective paper about your experience as an audience member. (500-1000 words)

This writing assignment has room for creative license. Consider the large picture...

If it was a musical event...What did the poetry, prose, and music tell you about the world? What did it tell you about the performer? What did it tell you about yourself? What did this performance tell you about the human experience?

If it is a guest presenter... What did this presentation tell you about the world? How can you relate or not relate with this material? What did this presentation tell you about yourself? What did this presentation tell you about the human experience.

The paper is due within a week of the presentation or performance. *If the presentation/performance falls on Friday, August 30, you must submit your materials to Canvas by 5pm on Friday, September 6.* Late submissions will lose two points for every day past the due date. Papers that are submitted over two weeks past the performance or presentation date will not be accepted.

No submissions will be accepted past 11:59 PM on the last day of class for the semester, April 22.

*Students will be informed of optional experiential learning events outside of class to attend as they arise throughout the semester. If the student has an event they plan to attend which they feel may qualify for experiential learning in this course, they may have it approved for use in this assignment by the instructor ahead of time. *

Experiential Learning Rubric

Students are encouraged to explore their own creative outlets for writing this essay. You may write an essay, a narrative, a poem, etc. The only graded component is how thoroughly you answered all four questions presented above and whether you met the word count. Each of the four questions is worth 25 points.

25 points	20 points	15 points	10 points	5-0 points
Student thoroughly and thoughtfully answered the question.	Student mostly answered the question in a thoughtful and thorough manner.	Student half answered the question. The answer is lacking in development of thought.	Student barely answered the question. Very little thought put into the answer.	Student did not answer the question.

Midterm Mixtape (10% of Overall Grade)

Compile a 30-minute mixtape of songs which is inspired by one of the larger “Themes” of this course. The songs must be chosen and arranged in such a way that supports your overall theme.

Submit your Mixtape in PDF form with the following components:

1. Title and Theme
2. Short Introduction (500-1000 words) which answers the following questions:
 - a. What is your theme? What does this music and poetry tell you about the world and the human experience? What do you want people to understand or take away from your mixed tape?
 - b. Please include any other relevant information for your listeners.
3. Song, Composer, Performer +Link (YouTube) for listening + length of song. Producer (if applicable)
4. Text, poet/writer or lyricist
5. Meet all parameters on the Grading Rubric

Mixtape Midterms are due by 11:59 PM on February 23rd. Late submissions will incur a 5 pt deduction per day.

An example of a mixtape project is uploaded to Canvas

Mixtape Grading Rubric

Overall Form		60 pts
Title and Theme	10 pts	
Introduction Essay	30 pts	
Song, Composer, Performer + Link to performance + length	10 pts	
Text, poet/writer, or lyricist	10 pts	
Parameters		40 pts
2-3 languages represented	4 pts	
Music compositions representing 3 centuries	4 pts	
Minimum of 10 songs	4 pts	
Minimum of 30 minutes of music	4 pts	
No more than 2 songs by one composer	4 pts	
Theme must correspond with one of the weekly topics	4 pts	
Translations for foreign language songs	4 pts	
Citations for all recording links, poetry, and translations	4 pts	
Final Midterm Mixtape Grade		

Final Analytical Paper (15% of Overall Grade)

1,000-1,500 Words

Your final paper should be a research based and thesis-driven analytical essay which centers around one or more of the major themes of the course and incorporates at least two of the assigned readings. Consider how you may be able to draw connections between weekly themes. Students should include music and poetry to support their thesis.

Paper topics will be submitted for approval on or before 11:59 PM on April 24.

Thesis-Driven Analytical Paper Rubric

	SATISFACTORY (15-20 pts)	UNSATISFACTORY (0-14 pts)	POINTS
CONTENT	Papers exhibit at least some evidence of ideas that respond to the topic with complexity, critically evaluating and synthesizing sources, and provide at least an adequate discussion with basic understanding of sources.	Papers either include a central idea(s) that is unclear or off-topic or provide only minimal or inadequate discussion of ideas. Papers may also lack sufficient or appropriate sources.	20
ORGANIZATION AND COHERENCE	Documents and paragraphs exhibit at least some identifiable structure for topics, including a clear thesis statement but may	Documents and paragraphs lack clearly identifiable organization, may lack any coherent sense of logic in associating and organizing ideas, and	20

	require readers to work to follow progression of ideas.	may also lack transitions and coherence to guide the reader.	
ARGUMENT AND SUPPORT	Documents use persuasive and confident presentation of ideas, strongly supported with evidence. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, documents may provide only generalized discussion of ideas or may provide adequate discussion but rely on weak support for arguments.	Documents make only weak generalizations, providing little or no support, as in summaries or narratives that fail to provide critical analysis.	20
STYLE	Documents use a writing style with word choice appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline. Sentences should display complexity and logical sentence structure. At a minimum, documents will display a less precise use of vocabulary and an uneven use of sentence structure or a writing style that occasionally veers away from word choice or tone appropriate to the context, genre, and discipline.	Documents rely on word usage that is inappropriate for the context, genre, or discipline. Sentences may be overly long or short with awkward construction. Documents may also use words incorrectly.	20
MECHANICS	Papers will feature correct or error-free presentation of ideas. At the weak end of the Satisfactory range, papers may contain some spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors that remain inobtrusive so they do not muddy the paper's argument or points.	Papers contain so many mechanical or grammatical errors that they impede the reader's understanding or severely undermine the writer's credibility.	20

Grading Scale

For information on how UF assigns grade points, visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

A	94 – 100%		C	74 – 76.99%
A-	90 – 93.99%		C-	70 – 73.99%

B+	87 – 89.99%		D+	67 – 69.99%
B	84 – 86.99%		D	64 – 66.99%
B-	80 – 83.99%		D-	60 – 63.99%
C+	77 – 79.99%		E	<60.99

Content Warning

This course will cover content and materials that students may find difficult, controversial, or challenging to engage with. Students are encouraged to reach out to the professor or TA if they are struggling with course materials, themes, or subject matter. Students who feel the need to step away from class for a few moments may do so without penalty.

III. Annotated Weekly Schedule

N.B. This schedule and the homework assignments are subject to change slightly over the course of the semester. Course objectives and overall assessments will remain the same.

<u>Week/Dates</u>	<u>Weekly Theme, Daily Topic, Assignments Due</u>
<u>Week 1</u>	<p><u>Introductions</u> <u>Poetry</u></p> <p>Topic: Fundamentals of Poetry & Spoken Word</p> <p>Why do we make the choice to engage with art? This week, students will review the basics of poetic and literary analysis and answer questions like.... How is it different when one reads the translation of a foreign language poem before hearing it set to music? What are you able to glean from listening to a piece of music in a foreign language before knowing the translation? Listen to different artist's renditions of a song, ask yourself why you may prefer one listening experience over the other.</p>
Monday, January 12	<u>Introductions and Course/Syllabus Overview</u>
Wednesday, January 14	<p><u>Why do we engage with art?</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winterson, <i>Art Objects</i>. (pgs. 3-21)

Friday, January 16	<p><u>Fundamentals of engaging with Poetry</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kimball, Carol. <i>Art Song</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chapter 2: Working with Poetry (pgs. 27-44) o Chapter 3: A Selected list of helpful poetic terms (pgs. 95-102) - Poems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Erbkönig – Read the translation (5 min) o “Gretchen am Spinnrade,” Poetic translation (1:00) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erbkönig – Listen/watch all three versions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jessye Norman- Mezzo-Soprano (3:59) o Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau- Baritone (4:13) o Ian Bostridge – Tenor (4:57) - Gretchen am Spinnrade- Schubert- Renée Fleming (3:22)
<u>Week 2</u>	<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>Topic: Music Fundamentals & Active Listening</p> <p>Students will cultivate the ability to use active listening to discuss music in terms of the following elements: rhythm, melody, harmony, form, texture, timbre, dynamics) and identify instances of text painting in a piece of music.</p>
Monday, January 19	<u>MLK Day</u>
Wednesday, January 21	<p><u>What is art song? What is popular song? What’s an aria?</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carol Kimball, <i>Art Song</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Chapter 1, Art song: A Unique Hybrid, Art Song and Popular Song.</i> (pgs. 15-17) - Knoxville, Summer 1915- James Agee (5 min) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knoxville, Summer 1915 (15:30)
Friday, January 23	<p><u>Elements of musical style & How composers set words to music</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Parry to Finzie</i>, “Introduction: Setting Poetry to Music,” pg. 1-16

	<p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For you there is no song- Leslie Adams - Oh Mistress Mine – Finzie - Oh Mistress Mine – Quilter
Week 3	Resonance Festival
Monday, January 26	<p><u>What is American folk music?</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horowitz, <i>Dvořak's Prophecy and the Vexed Fate of Black Classical Music</i>, pg. 1-9 <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Goin' home," African American Spiritual (4:41) - II. Largo from Dvořak's <i>New World Symphony</i> (12:36) - I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray- Fisk Jubilee Singers (2:48)
Wednesday, January 28	<p><u>The complexities behind performing the spiritual</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dunn-Powell, "The African-American Spiritual: Preparation and Performance Considerations." (pgs. 469-475) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Battle of Jericho (3:16) (2:22) - He's got the whole world in his hand- Bonds (3:16) - My Soul's Been Anchored in de Lord – Price (2:01) - Trampin' - Marian Anderson (3:37) - Lord, how come me here- Kathleen Battle (5:05) - Peter go ring dem bells – John Carter -sung by Lawrence Brownlee (3:35)
Friday, January 30	Cont.
Week 4	<p>Education</p> <p>Topic: Storytelling: Nursery Rhymes, lullabies, Folk Song, Spiritual</p> <p>What is naïve or sentimental poetry? This week we will explore the importance of "folk" influence on music. How do we sustain culture? How does culture evolve and spread? What is America's folk music?</p>

<p>Monday, February 2</p>	<p><u>What is “Naïve” poetry?</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schiller, <i>Naïve and Sentimental Poetry</i>. “Introduction” (pgs. 3-27) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wiegenlied– Brahms (1:53) - La Confidance Naïve (2:08) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ah vous dirais-je maman- Nursery rhyme (1: 36) o Mozart- 12 Variations on Ah vous dirais-je maman (12:29) - Heidenröslein- Schubert (1:56)
<p>Wednesday, February 4</p>	<p><u>Folk Song, Storytelling, and Culture Sharing</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ostendorf, Ann. “Song Catchers, Ballad Makers, and New Social Historians: The Historiography of Appalachian Music.” (pg. 192-202) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barbara Allen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Barbara Allen’s Cruelty (6:57) o English lute setting (3:12) o Haydn (3:09) o Scottish Child Ballad (4:25) o Barbry Ellen- Appalachia (5:03) o Barbara Allen- Dolly Parton (5:24) - Watch Spooky Lake Month Video (3:03) - Gordon Lightfoot, “The Wreck of Edmund Fitzgerald,” (7:00)
<p>Friday, February 6</p>	<p><u>Musical Mnemonics for learning</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cirigliano, “Musical Mnemonics in health science: A first look” (pgs 1021-1025) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “How Does Music Affect Your Brain? Tech Effects Wired” (12:01) - “The Periodic Table Song” (3:04) - “Galop Infernal” (2:00) - “The Elements” (3:02) - “I am the very model of a modern major general” (4:32)

Week 5	<p align="center">Leadership</p> <p>Topic: Anthems, Fight Songs, & Patriotism</p> <p>How are music and poetry used as tools for unifying and galvanizing people? How can song be a powerful tool for branding and marketing identity?</p>
Monday, February 9	<p align="center"><u>Examining American Anthems</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Branham, <i>Sweet Freedom's Song: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and Democracy in America</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Introduction: "You Can Sing What Would Be Death to Speak." Pgs. 3-13 o Chapter 1: "God Save the _____!" pgs. 14-32(end of first paragraph) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God Bless America – Irving Berlin (2:45) - To Anacreon in Heaven (1:06) - Star Spangled Banner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Earliest version (1814): (5:26) o National Anthem- Whitney Houston (3:31) - Lift Every Voice and Sing (3:34)
Wednesday, February 11	<p align="center"><u>How do we establish a "brand" through Song?</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hwang & Ballouli, "Contemporary Issues and Opportunities for University Branding Through Fight Songs" (pg. 85-94) - Florida Fight Song lyrics <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Orange and Blue" (1:12) - "Hail to the Victors" (0:35) - Thunderstruck (4:59) - Sweet Home Alabama (4:45)
Friday, February 13	<p align="center"><u>Song as a tool for galvanization</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Music in the Post- 9/11 World</i>, "Have you Forgotten?": Darryl Worley and the Musical Politics of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (pgs. 123-140)

	<p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toby Keith, "Courtesy of the Red, White, and Blue" (3:39) - Darryl Worley, "Have you forgotten?" (3:56) - Lee Greenwood, "God Bless the U.S.A." (3:10) - Johnny Wright, "Hello Vietnam" (3:09) - George Cohan, "Over There" (3:35)
<u>Week 6</u>	<p><u>Humanities & Arts</u></p> <p>Topic: Elements of Cultural Capital</p> <p>What is the difference between Cultural Appreciation and Appropriation? How can we absorb cultural capital? Exploring the nuances of debate surrounding performance of the African American Spiritual. Examine implicit and explicit bias around dialect and how these biases effect art and culture.</p>
Monday, February 16	Roll Over
Wednesday, February 18	<p><u>Cultural Appreciation vs. Cultural Appropriation</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Han, "Moving from Cultural Appropriation to Cultural Appreciation." (Pgs. 8-12) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switched on Pop Podcast: "How Megan Thee Stallion brought Japanese hip hop to the Hot 100." (43:14)
Friday, February 20	<p><u>What is cultural capital?</u></p> <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bourdieu: Cultural Capital, the Love of Art & Hip Hop (15:30) - The Track Star Podcast: "Hip-Hop's Origin Story in 10 Songs (34:06) - "Rapper's Delight" – The Sugarhill Gang (6:15) - "The Mission" - Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five (6:03) - "I Can't Live Without my Radio" – LL Cool J
<u>Week 7</u>	<p><u>Commercialization</u></p> <p>Topic: Commercialization of music and the music business.</p>

	<p>How has the commercialization of Song evolved over the 20th century? What role does commercialization play in our everyday lives? How does song contribute to this? What is the popular music industry selling? Can songs sell?</p>
Monday, February 23	<p><u>Midterm Mixtape Due</u></p> <p>TBD</p>
Wednesday, February 25	<p>Tin Pan Alley</p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hirschak, "Tin Pan Alley" 1-4 - Backer, "The Best Songs Came from the Gutters": Tin Pan Alley and the Birth of Manhattan Mass Culture, 384-399 <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Ball (2:26) - Alexander's Ragtime Band – Bill Murray (4:18) - Alexander's Ragtime Band- Bessie Smith (3:00) - Take me out to the ballgame (2:10)
Friday, February 27	<p>The Great American Songbook</p> <p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switched on Pop Podcast "What do John C. Reilly and Taylor Swift have in common? The Great American Songbook" (57:38) - TBD
<u>Week 8</u>	<p>Marketing cont.</p> <p>Topic: Sticky Music- Operetta, Jingles, & Theme Music</p> <p>Why do tunes embed themselves in our memory? This week, students will explore the many ways we are exposed to musical marketing on a daily basis. How have these modes changed over time? What does that say about us?</p>
Monday, March 2	<p><u>Marketing Jingles</u></p> <p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Podcast- Twenty Thousand Hertz: "Jingles: How they hooked us and why they vanished" (32:18) - Wheaties (0:37) - Pepsi-Cola (0:26) - Chiquita Banana (1:24) - Lo Spazzacamino- Verdi (1:24)

Wednesday, March 4	<p><u>Advertising cont.</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacks, <i>Musicophilia</i>. “Brainworms, Sticky Music, and Catchy Tunes.” (Pgs. 44-53) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Encore: Jingle Writer Explores Decline of Original Music in Advertising.” (7 min) - Gilligan’s Island (1:38) - Flintstones (0:35) - The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (2:18)
Friday, March 6	<u>Jingle Jeopardy</u>
<u>Week 9</u>	<p><u>Activism and Protest Song</u></p> <p>Topic: Activism & Protest Music</p> <p>Explore how music and poetry can be used to inform and mobilize people. Is social commentary more effective when it is subtle? Or when it is overt? How does protest art evolve over time?</p>
Monday, March 9	<p><u>Protest Song</u></p> <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Music in the Civil Rights Movement” (10 min) <p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Music in Civil Rights Movement (excerpt from PBS “Let Freedom Sing”, 2009) (6:11) - “American Experience: Freedom Riders: The Music.” (4:53) - We Shall Overcome (3:42) - This land is your land (4:30) - Blowin in the wind (2:35) - No more auction block for me (2:20)
Wednesday, March 11	Cont.
Friday, March 13	<p><u>Cultural Cannibalism</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veloso and Dunn, “The Tropicálista Rebellion” 116-138

	<p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tropicália (3:42) - O Estrangeiro (6:30) - Cálice” (4:00)
Week 10	Spring Break
Week 11	<p><u>Song and Censorship</u></p> <p>Topic: Censorship</p> <p>Examine and evaluate how and why expression is deemed acceptable or unacceptable. Can you censor art? Sex is a fundamental part of the human experience and has always been represented in art. When or how does sexuality, then, become a threat?</p>
Monday, March 23	<p><u>Censored Art</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rumens, “Pussy Riot’s Punk Prayer is pure protest poetry” – (3 min) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Battling Putin with Punk Rock- Pussy Riot and the consequences of protest (18:00) - Punk Prayer (1:52) - Like a Red Prison (3:43)
Wednesday, March 25	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hill, “The Enemy Within- Censorship in Rock Music in the 1950’s, pg. 675-705 <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with me Annie – The Midnighters - Hound Dog- Elvis - Come again sweet love- John Dowland - Die Lotosblume- Schumann - C’est l’extase langoureuse- Debussy
Friday, March 27	<p><u>Censoring sexuality</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abbate, Parker, <i>A History of Opera</i>. “The Promise of Infinite Possibilities” (pgs. 332-337)

	<p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Habanera- <i>Carmen</i>- Bizet (4:35) - Près des remparts de Séville- <i>Carmen</i>- Bizet (4:34)
Week 12	<p><u>International Studies & Communication</u></p> <p>Topic: Works of Outsiders & Ambassadors</p> <p>In an increasingly global world, how do we share and consume cultural capital?</p>
Monday, March 20	<u>Roll Over</u>
Wednesday, April 1	<p><u>Modern culture sharing</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kieth, <i>The Soft Power of the Korean Wave</i>, Chapter 10: “BTS as Cultural Ambassadors.” (pgs. 155-165) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gangnam style- Psy (4:12) - Dynamite- BTS (3:25) - OMG- NewJeans (3:40) - Pink Venom (3:13)
Friday, April 3	<p><u>Musical Ambassadorship</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - André, “Complexities in Gershwin’s <i>Porgy and Bess</i>.” (pgs. 182-195) - UY, “Performing Catfish Row in the Soviet Union: The Everyman Opera Company and <i>Porgy and Bess</i>, 1955-56” (pgs. 470-497) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My man’s gone now (4:20) - It ain’t necessarily so (5:36) - O Lord I’m on my way (1:34)
Week 13	<p><u>Mental Health & Wellness</u></p> <p>Topics: Emotions, Experiences, and Personal Expression.</p> <p>Explore song and poetry to which you have a personal connection and investigate why. Why do we seek comfort from making and consuming</p>

	art? What does art tell us about the shared human experience? How do emotional themes in art change or stay the same? How can music, played in different ways, change the emotional output of the same poem?
Monday, April 6	<p><u>How does music make us feel?</u></p> <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacks, <i>Musicophilia</i>, “Lamentations: Music, Madness, and Melancholia.” (pgs. 324-332) - Moody, “On Neurodivergence, Music, and Words” (5 min) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Als Louise die Briefe- Mozart (1:38) - Burn- Hamilton (3:45) - Being Alive- Sondheim (5:14)
Wednesday, April 8	<p><u>Relating through the shared human experience</u></p> <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barbery, “The Elegance of the Hedgehog.” (pgs. 184-185) <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Jacob Collier- The Audience Choir (Live at 02 Academy Brixton, London) (4:58)
Friday, April 10	Cont.
<u>Week 14</u>	<p><u>Psychology</u></p> <p>Topic: Madness, Liberation, inspiration</p> <p>What is inspiring about madness? How do artists use the theme of madness to liberate a character? How can madness be used as guise for social commentary?</p>
Monday, April 13	<p><u>Madness portrayed in music and poetry</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smart, “The Silencing of Lucia,” (pgs. 119-122) - Walsh, “The True Story Behind Taylor Swifts ‘The Last Great American Dynasty.’ (5 min) - Excerpt from <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams, (5 min)

	<p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucia Mad Scene (15:15) - I want magic! (3:56) - The Last Great American Dynasty- Taylor Swift (3:47)
Wednesday, April 15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Madness in music and poetry</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lyrical Tension, Collective Voices: Masculinity in Alban Berg's Wozzeck (pg. 323-362) <p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wozzek: Act 3 Scene 4 (10 min.) Watch to credits. -
Friday, April 17	Roll over
<u>Week 15</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Medicine</u></p> <p>Topic: In what ways can song affect the brain? How can song be used as a tool for learning? How can music be used as medicine?</p> <p>What is "Frisson" and why do we get it? What art has elicited a frisson reaction from you? What power do words and music have on our brain? This week we will share meaningful song with one another and explore the crossroads of emotion, memory, and neuroscience.</p>
Monday, April 20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music as Medicine</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacks, <i>Musicophilia</i>, "Speech and Song: Aphasia and Music Therapy." (pgs. 232-242) -
Wednesday, April 22	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Music as Medicine</u></p> <p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sacks, <i>Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain</i>. "Music and Identity: Dementia and Music Therapy" pgs. 371-385 <p>Listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Sundance Film Festival (2014) – Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory Featurette- Documentary HD (6:29)

Friday, April 24	Reading Day
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Instructional materials for this course consist of only those materials specifically reviewed, selected, and assigned by the instructor. The instructor is only responsible for these instructional materials.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

At the end of this course, students will be expected to have achieved the [Quest](#) and [General Education](#) learning outcomes as follows:

Content: *Students demonstrate competence in the terminology, concepts, theories and methodologies used within the discipline(s).*

Critical Thinking: *Students carefully and logically analyze information from multiple perspectives and develop reasoned solutions to problems within the discipline(s).*

Communication: *Students communicate knowledge, ideas and reasoning clearly and effectively in written and oral forms appropriate to the discipline(s).*

Connection: *Students connect course content with meaningful critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond.*

	Quest 1 SLOs: Students will be able to...	This Course's SLO's: Students will be able to...	Assessment
Content	Identify, describe, and explain the history, theories, and methodologies used to examine essential questions about the human condition within and across the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course.	Identify, describe, and explain how poetry and music provide perspectives and draw connections about the human condition.	Class Participation, Canvas Assignments, Midterm, Group Project, Experiential learning Essay, Final Thesis Driven Analytical Essay

Critical Thinking	Analyze and evaluate essential questions about the human condition using established practices appropriate for the arts and humanities disciplines incorporated into the course.	Analyze, evaluate, and reflect critically on how poetry and music can express complex life situations, fostering empathy and compassion for others. Apply practices of poetic analysis and active listening, synthesize materials and life experiences in classroom discussions and written exercises.	Canvas assignments, Group Projects, Mix Tape, Class Discussion, Experiential Learning Essay, Final Thesis Driven Analytical Essay
Communication	Develop and present clear and effective responses to essential questions in oral and written forms as appropriate to the relevant humanities disciplines incorporated into the course.	Develop and present clear, organized, supported oral and written responses to class discussions and assignments.	Class participation, Group project, Canvas Assignments, Experiential learning Essay, and Final Thesis Driven Analytical Essay
Connection	Connect course content with critical reflection on their intellectual, personal, and professional development at UF and beyond.	Connect one's own experiences with the stories and experience of others. Examine one's own intellectual development. Reflect on the implications of the course materials as they pertain to past, current, and future lives and professions.	Experiential Learning Assignment, Final Analytical Essay

V. Quest Learning Experiences

1. Details of Experiential Learning Component

The experiential learning assignment is described in detail under “Section III: Graded Assignments.” Students will have several in-class performers and presenters throughout the semester. In their written exercise, students will write creatively about their experience with one of the performances or presentations. The reflective Experiential Learning assignment must be submitted within one week of the presentation/performance. (500-1000 words)

2. Details of Self-Reflection Component

Students participating in this course will engage with self-reflection every day through Canvas assignments and class discussion. Students will be challenged to examine what they think and why they think it. Additionally, students will explore what implications those thoughts may have on their lives and the lives of others. Additionally, Self-reflection is required as part of the Experiential Learning Component and the Midterm Mixtape.

VI. Required Policies

Information about university-wide policies and resources can be found here:

<https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>