

Music Appreciation: World Music MUS 236

Welcome to the Distance Education section of Music Appreciation: World Music.

My name is Dylan Johnson and I will be your instructor for the 9-week online version of MUS 236. I am an active professional musician in SLO county, and a Cuesta College professor for the last eight years. I have been involved in world music extensively over my career, and look forward to sharing my excitement about this music with you!

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Start Here!

On Monday, March th, check your myCuesta.edu address for an email that will provide you with log in procedures for Canvas, the learning management system (LMS) used to deliver course content. The syllabus and first introductory assignment will be posted on Canvas at that time. If you would like to learn about Canvas now, [here](#) is a quick start pdf that explains the basics and a series of [videos](#) that can acquaint you with the Canvas LMS environment.

Course Overview: MUS 236 is a survey of the various musics of the world's people. There will be emphasis on the fundamental elements of each kind of music, the instruments, form, style and the role that each music plays in its society.

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the elements of world music using appropriate terminology
- Identify musical instruments and styles of different kinds of music
- Analyze and evaluate live music performances
- Discuss major world music forms in their historical context

Textbook: *World Music: Traditions and Transformations* 3rd Edition by Michael Bakan. We are going to be using the publisher's Connect offering; an online text that has a self study system that insures you have absorbed the material in the chapters.

You can purchase the online textbook through the Canvas portal for McGraw Hill Connect in our class on the first day of class. More info on that to come.

Course Requirements: For each chapter, students will be required to read the textbook, view the powerpoint presentation and listen to audio materials that will accessible from the Canvas site. Additionally, for each chapter, students will be required to participate in the discussion forum and various assignments that are particular to each chapter (watching audio/visual presentations, etc.) There will be short quizzes for each chapter, a midterm, final, and an essay exam. You will be required to attend two live music performances during the semester. More detailed information will be included in the course syllabus.

Is Online Instruction For You?

In an effort to assist the online student, [Cuesta College's Distance Education home page](#) provides a solid overview to distance education and resources to assist the online student. On that page is a tutorial for students taking online courses for the first time, and technical requirements to check that you can succeed in the course with the computer you are accessing it with. Taking the [Self Assessment Survey](#) will help determine if an online course is right for you. Please access these materials before the course begins to prepare for success.

Online Communication: Most of our communication for the online class will be through the written word. Please use the same respect and courtesy you would when speaking to a classmate or instructor in a face-to-face class. You may notice that the written word sometimes comes across harsher and you may be at a loss as to how to communicate a point. A term which may be new to you is **netiquette**, which refers to internet **etiquette**. Please visit <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html> for further explanation.

Course offered using Canvas: This online course will be using a Web-based Learning Management System Canvas as the method to disseminate information. Canvas provides the framework for the MUS 236 class including PowerPoint presentations, the tools to receive and send course materials, messaging, and a grade book. Using the communication tools, you can share materials and ideas with other course participants via the discussion forums and group activities.

Computer Requirement: Browser requirements/minimum computer specifications
http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutacad/distance/faqs_technical.html

- **Internet Service Provider (ISP)** offering a DSL, cable or satellite (not dial-up modem) internet Connection
- A **myCuesta Gmail address**. All students receive this after registration. If you need assistance with your myCuesta.edu account please contact Admissions and Records on the San Luis Obispo campus.
- **Software: Microsoft Office Professional 2011 (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint) or Google Docs (free with Gmail account)**. You may purchase the Office software at a discount through the California Community College Foundation
- **Sound Card, speakers or headset.**

Cuesta College Policies:

- Dropping a Course: policy and dates
- Waitlist procedure and instructions

DSPS- If you have a disability and might need accommodations (support services) in this class, please contact Disabled Student Program Services in Building 3300 as soon as possible to ensure that you receive the accommodations in a timely manner.

<http://academic.cuesta.edu/acasupp/dsps/>

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Student Academic Policy, Student Code of Conduct, and Student Computer Technology Access Agreement:

http://academic.cuesta.edu/president/2008BP/BP5000/AP%205500_Standards%20of%20Conduct.pdf

I look forward to working with you! Please email me with any questions!

Best regards,

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