



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

HUM 3650 – Music Appreciation
3 Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Identify the basic elements of music when listening to music
 - a. Describe the basic elements of music
 - b. Describe the use of elements in specific musical composition.
 - c. Discuss how the elements of music contribute to what is traditionally considered quality music.
2. Identify musical genres by their unique characteristics.
 - a. Describe the characteristics of various music genres.
 - b. Identify how music genres differentiate.
 - c. Discuss how modern music genres compare and contrast with classical/traditional western/European music genres.
3. Explore how technological advancements have affected musical composition, performance, and consumption.
 - a. Define technological advancements in music documentation practices from moveable type to digital platforms.
 - b. Define technological advancements in music instruments and performance types.
 - c. Define technological advancements in music consumption from the earliest sound recordings of the 20th century to radio and streaming platforms.
4. Identify the various ways in which music can impact our careers and lifestyle
 - a. Identify compositional techniques that elicit emotional responses in listeners.
 - b. Assess how music is implemented, consumed, and proliferated in various professions from business and marketing fields to medical and S.T.E.M. fields.
 - c. Explore how performing and composing music can positively benefit your life.
5. Explore the norms and traditions of music composition, performance, and consumption in various cultures.
 - a. Explore the instrumentation and vocal techniques in traditional and modern music of various cultures.
 - b. Examine how music is consumed in non-western cultures and the influence of religion and politics.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

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- Active Critical listening skills
- Relationship between music(art) and cultural movements
- Music Technology
- Enrichment of career and life
- Exposure to a variety of genres and cultures

Essential Questions

1. What can I learn from the music of the past that would relate to life today?
2. How can I learn to listen for quality in music regardless of genre?
3. How can I distinguish between music genres and eras?
4. How can an understanding of music help me in my career/life?
5. How can I learn about global cultures through music?
6. How has technological advancement affected musical composition, performance, and consumption?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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