Course Title: American Popular Music
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Semester Course Prefix and Number: MUSC 1555
Old Quarter Course Prefix and Number: MUSC 107

Number of Credits: 3
Number of Lecture Credits: 3
Semester(s) Offered: 
Negotiated Class Size: 
Number of Lab Credits: 
Number of Lab Hours: 
Number of Studio/Demonstration/Internship Credits: 

Course Purpose Code:

0 – Developmental Courses
1 – Non-transferable, General Education
2 – Technical course related to career programs
3 – College course which has the primary goal of applying certain concepts (e.g. vocal ensemble)
4 – Other college course not considered a part of general education (MNTC) e.g. computer science, health, physical education
5 – Course which is intended to fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) requirements.
9 – Continuing Education/Customized Training specialized credit course (not occurring in 0-5)

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites and/or recommended entry skills/knowledge:
Course Prerequisite(s): None
Reading Prerequisite: None
Composition Prerequisite: None
Mathematics Prerequisite: None

Career Programs and Transfer Majors Accessing this Course:

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal(s) partially met by this course if applicable:

0. None
1. Communications
2. Critical Thinking
3. Natural Sciences
4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
6. X The Humanities and Fine Arts
7. X Human Diversity
8. Global Perspectives
9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility
10. People and the Environment

Notes: No more than two goals may be met by any one course. (Curriculum Committee review and the Chief Academic Officer’s approval are required).
Learning outcomes, including any relevant competencies listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum:

6. The Humanities and Fine Arts
Students will be able to
- Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
- Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
- Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.
- Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.

7. Human Diversity
Students will be able to
- Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States, history and culture.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
- Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
- Describe and discuss the experience and contributions (political, social, economic, etc.) of the many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.

Student assessment methods:
Weekly assignments, class discussion, presentation/paper on an era or composer, compile a notebook on topics discussed (articles from internet, etc.) and final exam

Use of instructional technology (includes software, interactive video and other instructional technologies):
Students will use the internet to compile information on topics discussed in class for a notebook assignment. Video documentaries on composers and musical eras will be used.

Outline of the major course content:
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Additional special information (special fees, directives on hazardous materials, etc.)

Transfer Information: (Please list colleges/majors that accept this course in transfer.)

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