WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

**MUSI 3305 American Music Syllabus—Spring 2014**

**UNIVERSITY MISSION:**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, service to God and humankind.

**COURSE NUMBER & NAME:** MUSI 3305 American Music (online)

**TERM: Spring-2014**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Tammie Burger, Ph.D.

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A survey of the primary streams of music in American music from Colonial America to the present.

**PREREQUISITES:** None

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK & RESOURCE MATERIAL:**

Candelaria, L & Kingman, D. 2007. American Music: A Panorama. Fourth concise edition. Schirmer.

4 CD set that is bundled with the edition

ISBN: 978-1-111-65466-5

**COURSE OUTCOME COMPETENCIES:**

The student will:

* Be able to listen to a variety of American music more perceptively
* Have better listening skills for all musical styles
* Have an introductory knowledge and have acquired basic information about styles, forms, terminology, and the historical context of 6 major streams of American music
* Be able to place musical genres in cultural and historical perspective
* Have completed two research projects using a variety of sources.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING CRITERIA:**

Students are expected to read all assigned readings and listen, critically, to all assigned listening assignments.

Graded assignments are as follows:

1. Discussions: 1 @ 10 points; 4 @ 25 points; 5 @ 20 points 210 points.
2. Two online tests @ 150 points each. 300 points
3. Ten chapter assignments @ 50 points each. 500 points.
4. Two research papers @ 150 each. 300 points.

**Total possible points:** 1310.

**Grading Scale:**

A=1179-1310

B=1048-1178

C=917-1047

D=786-916

F=0-785

Assignments will not be accepted after their due date.

Attendance Policy:

Because this course is administered through Wayland’s virtual Campus, students must submit all work on time and complete assignments on time to satisfy the attendance policy. If a student has not accessed the course through Blackboard by the census date, he/she will be dropped from the course.

The WBU policy on absences in online courses is as follows:

**Online Students** - Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner.

1. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor.
2. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements.
3. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 3 or more weeks of an 11 week term, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation.
4. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given term is considered a "no-show" and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus.
5. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**Academic Honesty**

University students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work). Disciplinary action for academic misconduct is the responsibility of the faculty members assigned to the course. The faculty member is charged with assessing the gravity of any case of academic dishonesty, and with giving sanctions to any student involved. Penalties may be applied to individual cases of academic dishonesty; see catalog for more information about academic dishonesty.

**Disability Statement:**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.*