



UNION GROVE HIGH SCHOOL
Course Syllabus

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Year: 2022-2023

Course Name and Code: Music Appreciation

Textbook Used: NONE

Supplementary Texts or Special Materials: Internet Access

Course Description: Music Appreciation at Union Grove High School is open to students in grades 9-12. This course introduces students to music production and performance, and covers terminology, elements of music, perceptive listening, open attitude, and appreciation. The goal is to become a more literate consumer of music, and to be able to speak and write fluently and critically about music.

Course Outline and Content:

- I. Practice Work – Weekly music presentations, weekly quizzes, and other written assignments: 40%
- II. Assessment Tasks – Listening logs and tests: 40%
- III. Final Exam: 20%

Weekly Music Presentations: Every Monday students will come to class with a piece of music prepared to share with the class. Students will be provided with an outline to follow on google classroom. Students must submit the written portion every Monday by 8am and be prepared to talk about their selection in class. The teacher will give a different genre of music for this assignment each week.

Weekly Quizzes: Students will be given a short quiz every Friday on the content learned that week. Quizzes will be worth 10 points each.

Listening Log: Students will keep a listening log throughout the year in which they will write about the music we listen to in class. Students will follow a guided template posted to google classroom. Students will only need to fill out a listening log when prompted by the teacher. Each

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listening log should reflect the language of the musical terms we are learning in class and should be more musically complex with each entry.

Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures: All students must adhere to the rules and expectations outlined in the Henry County Schools student handbook and the Union Grove High School student handbook. General classroom rules are as follows: Failure to adhere to the rules will result in disciplinary consequences.

- A. Treat fellow students and their possessions with RESPECT.
- B. Students must always participate in classroom discussions and activities.
- C. Be in the classroom when the bell sounds. Be in your seat with all class materials one minute after the bell. We will start immediately.

Hall Pass Policy: Students are required to utilize and wear around their neck the standard issued UGHS pass at all times while out of the classroom; failure to do so will result in disciplinary consequences. Students are also required to fill out the student location log prior to leaving the classroom and document their return time on the same form. Teachers will not give out hall passes during the first ten minutes or last ten minutes of class. It is the teacher’s discretion to allow or deny a hall pass request.

Chromebook Policy: It is an expectation for students to have their charged Chromebook with them every day. Failure to do so will be regarded as “not being prepared for class.”

Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy:

The cell phone/electronic device policy begins when students enter the designated classroom area. All students will place all cell phones/devices in the teacher assigned caddy. During this time, cell phones must be turned off. Additionally, all smart watches or other electronic devices connected to the phone must be caddied until the end of class. Cell phones/devices will remain caddied until the end of class. Students will NOT be allowed to take their phones/devices out of the room when they have a hall pass to the restroom, media center, etc. Students will be allowed to use cell phones/devices before first period, during lunch, and during class transition.

On Time Policy:

In order to be considered “on time” to class, the student must be across the threshold of the classroom or designated classroom area by the end of the tardy bell.

Unit Repair Plan:

In an effort to aid in student mastery, each UGHS student will have the opportunity to participate in Unit Repair. Unit Repair in Fine Arts will be for major assessments only and offered for those earning an initial grade of 84 or less. It is the student’s responsibility to inform the instructor of their desire for reassessment and to get tutoring/additional

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practice completed before the reassessment. The student has 2 weeks from the date the graded assessment is returned to complete the reassessment. The final Unit Repair grade will be an average of the initial assessment grade and the reassessment.

Late Work Policy:

Our turn-in schedule for assignments is very reasonable & student considered. General Chorus assignments will be accepted up to 4 days after their due date but will cost a grade penalty of 20 points per day late. Please do all you can to get every assignment in by its assigned due date.

Tutoring/Help: The student should feel free to ask for extra help before or after school. Such time is given willingly, but the student should ask for this time in advance in order to set up a convenient appointment time for us both. See Ms. Thomas to sign up & let's work to improve!

Exam Exemption: To encourage and reward excellent attendance, each student may earn the right to exempt one (1) spring semester non-state required final exam. Each student must meet clear guidelines to qualify for this exemption. Please see our school website for all requirements and guidelines.

***PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN, HAVE A PARENT SIGN AND RETURN THE ATTACHED SYLLABUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR YOUR FIRST GRADE OF THE YEAR**

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Union Grove HS Syllabus Acknowledgement Form

I have read and fully understand all of the objectives, requirements, and expectations for Music Appreciation taught by Ms. Kristen Thomas.

Student Printed Name

Student signature

Date

Parent Printed Name

Parent signature

Date

****Best Contact Information****

Parent e-mail address: _____

Parent cellphone number: _____

**Please return this signed syllabus document to Ms. Thomas no later than Friday, August 12th as it will count as a grade. Be sure to return it only when it has been signed. You may refer to this document anytime by visiting my teacher page of the UGHS Website or on Google Classroom.