

Music In Our Lives

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Course Outline

Music In Our Lives is a 1-credit course designed for students who wish to satisfy the required 1 unit of music and/or art. This course examines specific pieces of music, musicians, and musical styles from early European music to present day.

The bulk of the course looks at the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods of music, and also focuses on more recent developments such as film music, jazz, early rock and roll, alternative music, etc. We will pay close attention to influences in American popular music such as war, drug usage, British artists, MTV and file sharing. Lastly, and most importantly, we will integrate learning to play the guitar and piano into our music theory lessons and historical studies.

Class Expectations

- 1. All students will arrive on time and get materials ready to begin class.**
(Folders, pencil or pen, 3 ring binders) If you arrive unprepared you will receive an incomplete.
- 2. All students will participate positively in classroom activities.**
(Playing instruments, discussion, and in-class assignments)
- 3. All students will hand in assignments in a timely manner.**
(You will lose points for each day an assignment is late)
- 4. All students will be responsible for work missed during an absence.**
*(If you know about a test before your absence, be prepared to take it when you return)
*YOU are responsible to ask ME what you missed during an absence including tests, notes and homework**
- 5. Each student will show respect toward the teacher and other classmates and their efforts.**
(Creating, performing, and having an opinion on music is very personal and must be respected at all times)

Grading Policy

- 30% *Participation/Discussion/Preparedness/Behavior*
40% *Exams, Projects & Quiz Grades*
30% *Homework, Class Assignments (written, verbal and performance based)*

Final Word

You will need a PEN or PENCIL EVERYDAY! Bring one!! You will be taking notes, or responding to music, more often than not. You need to bring your 3 ring binder everyday, which should include lined paper and a folder to store handouts. You need to be open to ALL genres of music that we listen to in class. I DO NOT expect you to love everything you hear, just to be able to understand it and defend your like or dislike.