MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is
the form used for approval of new courses by the Collegewide Curriculum Committee.

DEPT. Music COURSE NO. 1104

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 2

COURSE TITLE American Popular Music

CATALOG DESCRIPTION American Popular Music studies Native American, African/American, vaudeville, Tin Pan Alley, ragtime, Dixieland, big band, American musical theater, country-western, folk music, popular song, jazz, and rock music.

AUDIENCE This class is for those students who wish to expand their knowledge of American music, beginning with Native American music coming up to and including rock music of today.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area 6: by meeting the following competencies:
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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: None

LENGTH OF COURSE 1 semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐ fall ☑ spring ☑ summer ☐ undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: To gain a knowledge and overview of American music from the time of the Native American through and including jazz and rock.

2) THINKING SKILLS: Learning the various characteristics of each major music style of American music and see how they are relate to each other.

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: Written papers will be assigned, class discussion, and oral presentations of by students about composers, singers, and their music.

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: Learning and listening to Native American music as well as the various music styles conceived by the Afro-Americans and the Caucasian population.
TOPICS TO BE COVERED: Foundation of American Music, popular American music, Broadway, ragtime and blues, Tin Pan Alley, jazz and the swing era, country music, and rock.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES: Outcomes will include the student having a basic knowledge of the various music styles, composers and performers listed above and able to identify the various styles from listening in class.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
- Collaborative Learning
- Problem Solving
- Student Presentations
- Interactive Lectures
- Creative Projects
- Individual Coaching
- Lecture
- Films/Videos/Slides
- Demonstrations
- Other (describe below)
- Lab
- Part of the final exam, the student will include a music style of their choice including information of either the composer or the performer and indicate what the music is about and point out to the class what we should be listening for.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
- Reading
- Tests
- Oral Presentations
- Individual Projects
- Textbook Problems
- Collaborative Projects
- Group Problems
- Portfolio
- Other (describe below)
- An oral presentation as part of the final exam, a composer/performer of their choice sharing the information they researched and play music of this composer/performer for the class informing them what they should be listening for.

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Expected student outcomes would include learning characteristics of each music style, have a knowledge of when this style was popular, a composer/performer, and be able to identify various styles.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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