



## DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

### COURSE OUTLINE – MU1650A2 FALL 2015 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD MUSIC – MW 8:30AM-9:50AM, L123 CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3(3-0-0) 45 Hours

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**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:** None

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:** *World Music: A Global Journey*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, 2012, by Miller and Shahriari, 2012, Routledge. An essential set of CDs accompanies the text. Available in the bookstore.

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** This is an introduction to music of the world and to ethnomusicology, the study of music in a cultural context. Case studies of music from several cultures and continents will be examined. The development of listening skills is an integral part of this course.

**DELIVERY MODE(S):** Lecture

**OBJECTIVES:** This course is an introduction to, and survey of, music and related culture from several continents around the world. A brief introduction to music theory and terminology will provide some tools to discuss musical traditions. Case studies of musical cultures and practices from several continents will provide us with material to discuss culture, tradition, ritual, ethnocentrism, and more.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with and knowledge of several of our planet's musical traditions, and use cultural contexts of different musical practices to gain a better awareness of their own cultural practices. Students will

be able to overcome ethnocentrism through greater awareness of human traditions. Students will have developed listening skills to appreciate and analyze music, to identify instruments, forms, genres, and other aspects of musical practice, and be able to explain why much of the value of any music is not necessarily sonic.

**TRANSFERABILITY:** UA and AF, UC, UL, AU, CUC, CUCA, KUC

**\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A <sup>+</sup>	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A <sup>-</sup>	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B <sup>+</sup>	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B <sup>-</sup>	2.7	70 – 72	
C <sup>+</sup>	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C <sup>-</sup>	1.7	60 – 62	
D <sup>+</sup>	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

## **EXAMINATIONS:**

Student grades will be assigned by the following weighting:

Midterm examination	25%
Quizzes	20%
Term paper (due <b>November 30</b> )	25%
Final examination	30%

The term paper will be a formal paper based upon field research that you will perform by attending at least one cultural event of ethnomusicological significance. The paper will be a minimum of five pages in length (minimum 1250 words), and topics must be chosen in consultation with the instructor.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Attendance is mandatory.

More than 20% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or extenuating circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required.

Students will receive a warning 'Notice Of Absenteeism' at 15% absenteeism.

After 20% absenteeism, you may be required to withdraw from the course.

*Refer to Student Conduct, Attendance, on page 42 of the College Calendar. You should become familiar with pages 34-44 of the GPRC 2015-2016 Calendar, along with College policies about academics and student responsibilities.*

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Refer to the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at

[https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms\\_documents/Student\\_Misconduct.pdf](https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf)

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

**COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:** Papers must be typewritten, and are due on November 30, unless you negotiate an extension *well in advance* of that date. Extensions will only be given if the scheduling of a particularly attractive cultural event, central to your research, occurs close to or after November 23. You will receive at least 5 days' notice in advance of each unit quiz that we will write. Late term papers will be assessed a penalty of 10% each calendar day until the paper is submitted.

The midterm exam will probably occur during the last week of October. The final exam will take place during the examination period at the end of the semester.