Music 1710F: Introduction to Music History

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Tutorial Rooms:

Description:
Students will consider the field of musicology by developing familiarity with its various facets: reading, listening, writing, analysing, and performing. Each week will be devoted to different themes, including musical elements and forms, aspects of musical research, types of musical histories, and contrasting approaches to the discipline itself. (See below for a break-down of those topics into weeks.) Students will receive exposure to varying types of source material (i.e., textbook, journal articles, performances, etc.) and will focus on writing about music as a response and a synthesis of those materials.

Objectives:
- Understand the nature and content of varying musicological areas
- Become familiar with the resources available to music scholars
- Write with clarity and insight about music
- Be prepared for the three-course music history survey course (1711G/2710F/2711G) that follows

Required Texts:

Recommended Text:
Other course material will be available as "reserved" material in the library and on the course website (owl.uwo.ca) including excerpts from:
Evaluation:

- Class Participation 10 % (Tutorial attendance: 5%; Participation in Listening Debate 5%)
- Short Writing Assignment 1: 10 % (Composer) **DUE: Fri., Sept. 22**
- Short Writing Assignment 2: 5 % (Bibliography for Term Paper) **DUE: Wed. Oct. 4**
- Short Writing Assignment 3: 10% Essay Outline **DUE: Mon. Oct. 30**
- Midterm Exam 20 % (5 % Listening Questions) **DATE: Wed. Nov. 8**
- Polished Paragraphs from Essay: 15 % **DUE: Fri. Dec. 1**
- Final Exam 30 % (5 % Listening Questions) **Date TBA**

**Nota Bene:**

- Students are required to attend all classes / tutorials.
- All assignments are to be submitted in hard copy.

**Statement on Academic Offences, including Plagiarism:**
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf.

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes and citations.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

**Statement on Mental Health:**
Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

**Statement regarding Illness:**
In order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student’s overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate.

Academic accommodation for work representing less than 10% of the student’s overall grade will similarly be granted only in cases of documented illness. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Associate Dean, Undergraduate.

**Statement regarding Late Assignments:**
Late assignments will not be accepted, resulting in a grade of zero for that assignment, except in cases in which there is a documented illness. See “Statement regarding Illness” (above).