



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS
MUSI 306.9 – Topics in Music and Popular Culture
(Punk to Present, 1977 -)
Session: Spring 2020

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Office Hours	zoom meetings can be arranged by appointment
Day(s),time(s) and location of Class	This course is asynchronous, which means that there are no set days and times for class meetings. Instead, lectures will be pre-recorded and posted on D2L.
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	- Access to a video streaming service, paid (e.g., Netflix, Amazon Prime, Crave, etc.) or unpaid (YouTube) for the purposes of watching a “live” music concert. - There is no required textbook. Readings will be provided by the instructor
Prerequisites	None
Course description	Selected topics examining popular music from a critical perspective. Examines the meaning and messages of popular music and its impact on present-day culture. Topics may include the examination of the work of specific creators or performers, the recording industry, the impact of specific instruments (e.g. guitar, percussion, electronic media, etc.), or cross-cultural influences. Attendance at relevant musical concerts and lectures may be required.
Course learning outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. analyze popular music media 2. discuss key topics in popular music history and explain the phenomena of cultural contexts in which popular musics are made 3. analyze popular music as a socio-cultural construction using various models of analysis presented throughout the course 4. develop critical thinking and writing skills
Course schedule	
Assessment components	<p>Multiple Choice and Short Answer Tests Value: 23.33% each x 3 (70% total) Type: At-home test Due Date: Dates are TBD, but the tests are spread out by approximately two weeks (e.g., Test 1 – Week 2; Test 2 – Week 4; Test 3 – Week 6). Description: These computer-based tests are comprised of multiple choice and/or short answer questions. Students are given 24 hours to complete these tests, which are designed to take no longer than 2 hours. A typical test contains 40-50 questions.</p> <p>Media and Press Reviews Value: 10% each x 3 (30% total) Due Date: Dates are TBD, but these assessments spread out throughout the semester. Description: These three written assessments invite engagement with music journalism/criticism, including: (1) interviews/podcasts of contemporary artists, (2)</p>

	<p>reviewing new music releases, and (3) reviewing recorded performances of contemporary artists.</p> <p>Following instructor-provided guidelines and criteria, students will select their own artists to profile in the aforementioned media. Review papers should be approximately 1 ½ - 2 pages (750-1000 words) in length.</p>																																													
Assessment expectations	<p><u>Expectations for Writing:</u> Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.</p>																																													
Grading scale	<p>For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.1.1 Undergraduate Grading System of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2019-2020 OR as outlined in the section H.1 Distribution of Grades of the Graduate Calendar for 2019-2020:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Grade Point Value</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A+</td> <td>4.00</td> <td>Outstanding performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>4.00</td> <td>Excellent performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A-</td> <td>3.70</td> <td>Approaching excellent performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B+</td> <td>3.30</td> <td>Exceeding good performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>3.00</td> <td>Good performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B-</td> <td>2.70</td> <td>Approaching good performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C+</td> <td>2.30</td> <td>Exceeding satisfactory performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>2.00</td> <td>Satisfactory performance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C-</td> <td>1.70</td> <td>Approaching satisfactory performance.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*D+</td> <td>1.30</td> <td>Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject</td> </tr> <tr> <td>*D</td> <td>1.00</td> <td>Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>Failure. Did not meet course requirements. Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>**I</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CR</td> <td></td> <td>Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations. • The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy. • Late assignments will be accepted up to 1 week after the due date with a 25% penalty. Assignment submitted more than one week late will not be graded. • The following percentage-to-letter grade scale will be used: <p>A+ = 100-98%; A = 97-94%; A- = 93-90%; B+ = 89-86%; B = 85-80%; B- = 79-76%; C+ = 75-70%; C = 69-66%; C - = 65-60; D+ = 59-56%; D = 55-51%; F = 50.99% or lower</p>	Grade	Grade Point Value	Description	A+	4.00	Outstanding performance	A	4.00	Excellent performance	A-	3.70	Approaching excellent performance	B+	3.30	Exceeding good performance	B	3.00	Good performance	B-	2.70	Approaching good performance	C+	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance	C	2.00	Satisfactory performance	C-	1.70	Approaching satisfactory performance.	*D+	1.30	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject	*D	1.00	Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject	F	0.00	Failure. Did not meet course requirements. Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable.	**I	0.00	Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted.	CR		Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable
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