



Honors Thesis Readings

MUS 491.001

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University Mission Statement

Texas A&M University-Commerce nurtures and educates for success through access to academic, research, and service programs of high quality.

Music Department Mission Statement

The Music Department of Texas A&M University-Commerce promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

Course Description

The student will conduct in-depth research on a topic of choice, and craft a proposal of an Honors Thesis. The student will meet with the instructor regularly to discuss progress, and brainstorm about revision and reorganization.

Course Outcomes

Upon completing selected readings, the student will produce and defend an honors thesis proposal. If the student does not complete and defend the thesis proposal during the Fall 2012

semester, the instructor will assign a grade of "I" and the student will defend the proposal during the following semester.

Assignments

Over the course of the semester, the student will complete the following by the dates stipulated:

- Identify a workable, relevant, and realistic research idea and a title.
- Craft a rough outline of the Introduction Page and the methodology you intend to use.
- Complete and submit an Internal Review Board (IRB) proposal.
- Complete the Introduction Page
- Complete the Literature Review (2-3 pages)
- Complete the Methodology section
- Defend your proposal

These steps will help the student stay on track in completing this project, but will also determine the grade at the end of the project.

Technology Requirements

The student will need access to the University library's electronic features, as well as to a word processor and printer to prepare the thesis proposal.

Course Evaluation

Grades are based on individual meeting participation, assignment completion, and the proposal defense.

Students Requesting Accommodations Due to Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Attendance Policy

Class meetings will be determined by the student and the instructor. Attendance is expected at every class meeting.

Classroom Expectations

All students are expected to follow the Tenets of Common Decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. These tenets are outlined in the *Student's Guide Handbook* under "Policies and Procedures: Conduct." The tenets also apply to all communication to me outside the classroom.

Borrowing Materials

Students have free access to all my personal books, CDs, and teaching materials. Several of these items will be placed under reserve in the library. These items are for use in the library only. Simply present your student ID card at the front desk.

If you would like to borrow a resource overnight that I keep in my office, simply sign the **Resource Checkout** book in my office. Since other students may need the same item, please return any item you borrow the following class session.

If a resource checked out to you is lost or damaged, you are expected to replace it as soon as possible. If you fail to do so before the end of the semester, **a hold will be placed on your account and you will receive an Incomplete for this course.**

Please take care that you observe the copyright laws, and the limits of fair use.

Academic Honesty

It is expected that you will exhibit ethical behavior concerning your work in this class. Students are expected to do their own work, use their own words in papers, and to reference outside sources appropriately. Failure to uphold the standards of academic honesty will result in the appropriate disciplinary action.

