

Music Appreciation (Music)

Elective – Semester – 9-12

Prerequisites: None

Course Description

Music appreciation offers an introduction to the Blessings the Lord has given us through music, and seeks to prepare students for a lifetime of meaningful praise and worship. Fundamentals of music theory, music history, music applications to the Christian Worship as well as hands on applications to various options will be explored. Also during the course, students will get a broad overview of music terms, and family of instruments.

Course Goals

The Christian teacher will:

1. Give the students a better understanding of the Lord's gift of music.
2. Foster a Christian understanding in the student that includes a lifetime of meaningful and active worship.

Course Objectives

The student should be able to:

1. Create, decode, and perform basic rhythm patterns ranging from whole notes to sixteenth notes. Dotted rhythms and rests will also be taught.
2. Create and identify key signatures, chords, inversions, and harmonic analysis of classroom exercises.
3. Gain a broad understanding of music history from biblical times to the present day.
4. Become acquainted with and be able to identify major classical works from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras.
5. Gain an understanding of Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal and the role it plays in our Lutheran worship services.
6. Gain an ability to differentiate between spiritually healthy and unhealthy forms of music.

Course Outline

1. Introduction to music as a gift of God
2. Rhythm
3. Melody –note reading skills
4. Harmony
5. Musicals
6. Music Terms
7. Family of Instruments
8. Music History and composers
9. Understanding Christian Worship
10. Play music with Boomwhackers

Instructional Strategies

1. Class meets five days of the week for one semester.
2. A music booklet will be used.
3. The Marsalis Teaching Tapes will be viewed.

Grading Methods

Students will be tested on their knowledge of the material covered in their Music Appreciation booklet in addition to other information given.

Grading Scale

A+	99-100
A	95-98
A-	93-94
B+	91-92
B	87-90
B-	85-86
C+	83-84

C	79-82
C-	77-78
D+	75-76
D	72-74
D-	70-71
F	0 -69

Student Materials

A music booklet will be furnished. Students will need a three ring binder.

Classroom Procedures

1. Students who are not in the room when the period begins are considered tardy and will be marked as such.
2. All students who do not proceed to their assigned seats in a timely manner will be marked tardy as well.

Additional Information

More information about Music Department policies and procedures can be found in the Music Department Handbook. Each family with a student involved in music at Luther High School is given a copy of the Handbook at the start of the school year.