

The American University of Beirut
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department: CVSP
CVSP 240: Introduction to the Art of Music I

1. Course Learning Outcomes

Is to understand music and provide enjoyment and stimulation for the best of our culture. This course is a survey of music from ancient times to 1750, thus an introduction of western music up to the middle of the Eighteenth Century. Objectives of this course include learning musical notation and musical vocabulary. This course will enable students to listen with understanding and intelligent enjoyment focusing on different styles of music and on the important composers and their works in this period. In this semester, students will have an intensive understanding and appreciation of music of this era.

2. Resources Available to Students

Required Text: *Listen!* Brief fourth Edition, by Joseph Kerman
This book provides enrichment to lectures presented in class.

Reserve CDs and DVDs: *Listen! Visual Aid Collection*
These CDs will support lectures presented in class.

3. Grading Criteria

Attendance and participation	10%
Four Quizzes	80%
Class presentation	10%

4. Schedule

Week 1-3	Vocabulary for Music: Musical Notation, clefs, diatonic scales, and divisions of meter and musical textures. Quiz I.
Week 4-7	The Middle Ages and the Renaissance Periods Quiz II.
Week 8-11	The early Baroque period and the late Baroque period Quiz III.

Week 12-15 Baroque instrumental and vocal music; Music and the Enlightenment.
Early Classicism
Class Presentations
Quiz IV.

5. Course Policy

Attendance and punctuality are taken at the beginning of every class session. Students should make an effort to attend every class session on a regular basis. Ability to understand the change of musical style is a result of listening and discussing musical examples in class. Class participation and attendance comprise ten percent of the final grade. Students are not allowed more than three absences and only for serious cases with a valid excuse. Students with more than 8 absences will automatically be dropped from class.