MUSIC HISTORY (MHL)

School of Music

Courses

MHL 121. Music in Culture and History. 3 Credits.
A course in appreciating music as an informed listener. Includes an introduction to the basic elements of musical style necessary for understanding music in its cultural and historical context, examination of the great European composers and their masterworks, and topics in popular music, jazz, and/or world music. No Prerequisites. Ability to read music is NOT expected.
Gen Ed Attribute: Arts Distributive Requirement.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 125. Perspectives in Jazz. 3 Credits.
Guided listening to improve understanding and enjoyment of jazz with emphasis on jazz heritage, chronological development, and sociological considerations, culminating in an analysis of the eclectic styles of the 1960s and 1970s. Not open to music majors.
Gen Ed Attribute: Arts Distributive Requirement, Diversity Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 127. Sounds of Philadelphia and its Surroundings. 3 Credits.
This course examines the rich musical-cultural life of Philadelphia and its surroundings. Through a focus on music history, students will study music, culture, politics, history and migration of the Philadelphia area. The topics and genre covered in the course would be broad and diverse in genre and styles of music.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 179. Special Subjects Seminar. 3 Credits.
Significant topics in music history and literature presented by faculty members and/or visiting lecturers. Designed for the nonmusic major who has had little or no previous musical experience. Not open to music majors.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 201. Form and Style in the Arts. 3 Credits.
Relationships between the arts (music, literature, fine arts, and dance) stressed through common principles of form and style. Concentration on the development of skills of critical perception through practical application with reference to various arts.
Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 210. Music History I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to musical style and listening techniques within a historical context: (1) an introduction to style periods, music listening skills, concepts of form, and style analysis in both Western and non-Western music; (2) Historical survey of music beginning with the music of the early Church and continuing through the end of the 16th century.
Gen Ed Attribute: Arts Distributive Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 211. Music History II. 3 Credits.
A historical survey of music from 1600 to 1825. Analysis of appropriate genres, styles, forms, social contexts, aesthetics, and performance practices will be considered.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 211 requires prerequisites of C- or better in MHL 210.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 212. Music History III. 3 Credits.
A historical survey of music from 1825 to the present. Analysis of appropriate genre, styles, forms, social contexts, aesthetic concepts, and performance practices will be considered.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 212 requires prerequisites of MHL 211 with a C- or better.
Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.

MHL 301. Music and the Related Arts. 3 Credits.
Examines ways in which music parallels at least two other visual, performing, and/or verbal arts in Western and/or non-Western culture. Concentration on the development of skills of critical perception through practical application to music and other arts.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 301 requires a prerequisite of MTC 212 and MHL 211 or permission of instructor.
Typically offered in Fall.

MHL 310. Collegium Musicum. 1 Credit.
A chamber ensemble specializing in the use of authentic instruments and performance techniques in the music of the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras. Membership by audition.
Typically offered in Fall & Spring.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 312. Women in Music. 3 Credits.
A survey of the role that women played in the history of music from the Middle Ages to the present. Open to nonmusic majors and music majors without prerequisites.
Gen Ed Attribute: Arts Distributive Requirement.
Typically offered in Spring.

MHL 325. History of Rock. 3 Credits.
This course traces the development of 1950s rock and roll from its rhythm and blues and country and western sources through the world music influences of the 1970s and beyond.
Gen Ed Attribute: Arts Distributive Requirement.
Typically offered in Spring.

MHL 420. World Music. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the study of tribal, folk, popular, and oriental music and ethnomusicology methodology. Open to music majors and nonmusic majors without prerequisites.
Typically offered in Spring.

MHL 422. History of Jazz. 3 Credits.
A survey of the history of jazz, including representative performers and their music.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 422 requires a prerequisite of MHL 212.
Typically offered in Fall.

MHL 440. Medieval Music. 3 Credits.
Development of plainsong and secular monody and beginnings of early history of polyphony through the 14th century. Consideration of trends in the visual arts, history and literature.

MHL 454. History of Opera. 3 Credits.
A basic course in the origin and development of opera and its dissemination throughout the Western world.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 454 requires prerequisite of MHL 212.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
Typically offered in Spring.

MHL 455. History of Orchestral Music. 3 Credits.
A study of representative orchestral works: symphonies, concerti, suites, overtures, and others, from the Baroque Period to the present.
Pre / Co requisites: MHL 455 requires prerequisite of MHL 212.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

MHL 459. Topics in American Music. 3 Credits.
Survey of the development of music and musical styles from 1620 to the present. Analysis of styles, forms, aesthetic concepts, and practices.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

MHL 479. Topics in Music History I. 3 Credits.
Significant topics presented by faculty members and/or visiting lecturers. Designed to meet specific needs of undergraduate music majors.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 480. Topics in Music History II. 3 Credits.
Significant topics presented by faculty members and/or visiting lecturers. Designed to meet specific needs of undergraduate music majors.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 481. Independent Study. 1 Credit.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.
MHL 482. Independent Study. 2 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 483. Independent Study. 3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.
Repeatable for Credit.

MHL 498. Senior Project I. 3 Credits.
Research and writing for Music History Senior Project.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.

MHL 499. Senior Project II. 3 Credits.
Completion of research and writing for Music History Senior Project.
Consent: Permission of the Department required to add.