

Atlantic Christian School
8th Grade Music Appreciation Syllabus
2022-2023 School Year

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Course Description

Welcome to music class! This course is designed to introduce students to the basics of songwriting. We will discuss lyric writing, harmonic support, instrumentation, and form to deepen each student's appreciation for music and composition. Students will draw upon their own experience and their knowledge of the elements of music to demonstrate understanding in classwork, projects, writing, and quizzes.

Course Goals

By the end of this course, students should be able to identify key components of a song and understand its basic construction. Students will use their understanding of musical elements and songwriting basics to construct an original song. Through this, students should have a stronger appreciation for songwriting as a profession and for music in general.

Required Materials

- ☐ Pencil or Pen
- ☐ Folder
- ☐ Music Journal - Get something simple that inspires you to write

Grading

- ☐ Participation - 20%
- ☐ Music Notebook/Journal - 40% (20% online and 20% in-class)
- ☐ Quizzes - 20%
- ☐ Projects/Presentations - 20%

Music Notebook/Journal

Classwork will be completed throughout the duration of this course and will be graded unless otherwise noted. Additional responses will be posted on the student music site and posted as assigned in Renweb and outlined in class.

Quizzes

Quizzes will take place throughout the course in class and online. If a student is absent when a quiz is given, it is their responsibility to talk to Mr. Rosie about rescheduling per school policy. *The first quiz is a completed syllabus acknowledgement found online.*

Project

Students will present their own original song at the end of the course. Details of it will be described separately, though students do not need to be the most talented singer to present. The content and creativity is what the main goal is!

Online assignments and additional resources will be available through the ACS student music site at the address below. Late work will ONLY be accepted per school policy.
<https://music.acseht.org/music-appreciation>

Behavior Expectation

- Raise your hand, and wait to be called on to speak
- Respect others by listening, showing kindness, caring for property
- No **phones or smart watches, etc** are to be used or seen during class without express permission
- Help each other focus - avoid making distractions
- Turn in work on time - assignments are due at the beginning of class
- Do not touch instruments, etc without permission
- Plagiarism or cheating will result in a 0 for the assignment and a write-up
- In other ways, act wisely with choices you make. Reflect God in all you do!

Follow the above guidelines to avoid any consequences (warnings, write-ups, notes home, etc.) I want to be able to send home good notes, and I do send those home :-)

Note: I do my best to grade quickly. If you see an “M” in Renweb, that is my way of letting you know that I am missing something, so you can get it to me ASAP.

You will need to **check your school email regularly** as that is how I communicate. We will NOT have a Google classroom or other modes of communication. “I forgot” is not an excuse if I am reaching out to you to get work turned in, so please make this a habit! Assignments are posted in Renweb, so this is to help you keep on top of things.

I am always available for extra help as needed. Please reach out via email if you want to meet with me to review any class material. I want you to do your best!