

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: MUS 121

Credits: 3

Course Title: Music Appreciation I

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts):

Increases the variety and depth of the student's interest, knowledge, and involvement in music and related cultural activities. Acquaints the student with traditional and twentieth century music literature, emphasizing the relationship music has as an art form with man and society. Increases the student's awareness of the composers and performers of all eras through listening and concert experiences. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

Liberal Arts elective; not required for AAA degree in Music. This course enhances the student's knowledge of Western culture through music.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

None

Course Objectives: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Recognize instruments and ensembles
- b. Demonstrate an understanding of musical styles
- c. Demonstrate an enhanced listening skill
- d. Use a general understanding of the role of music in society

Major Topics to be Included:

- a. Music fundamentals and standard terminology
- b. Structure of music
- c. Introduction to musical styles
- d. Listening to music of different eras

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 02/17/09