



Online Courses for High School Students
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Music Appreciation

This course introduces students to the history, theory, and genres of music. The first semester covers basic music theory concepts as well as early musical forms, classical music, patriotic and nationalistic music, and 20th century music.

The second semester presents modern traditions, including American jazz, gospel, folk, soul, blues, Latin rhythms, rock and roll, and hip hop. The course explores the history of music, from the surviving examples of rudimentary musical forms to contemporary pieces from around the world.

A student “performance practicum” is required for full credit each semester to comply with certain state standards for the arts. The performance practicum requirement can be met through participation in supervised instrumental or vocal lessons, church or community choirs, community musical performances, or any other structured program that meets at regular intervals and provides opportunities for students to build vocal and/or instrumental skills. Students will be required to present their proposed practicum to the teacher for approval. The student’s will need to be able to validate their regular participation in the chosen performance practicum.

Prerequisite: None

Course Length: One or two semesters

Materials required: Music supplies