

SYLLABUS: MUS 354, *ELVIS*

- SLN #64897 (iCourse) #64896 (ASU Online)
- Fall 2024, Session B (10/16/24 - 12/6/24)
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE: This course is not accessible through Canvas.** Please visit the course website at <https://courses.hol.asu.edu/courses/elvis/> to begin the class.

NOTICE: Safari is not compatible with the media in this course. Please access MUS 354: Elvis using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. For assistance downloading/installing Chrome or Firefox, contact the ASU Help Center at 1-888/298-4117.

Please note: you will be assessed in four required areas during this course:

- 1 - Reading Assignments (see Page 4, Section 7 below)
- 2 - Exams 1, 2, 3 and 4 (see Page 6, Section 9 below)
- 3 - Topic Assignments 1A, 1B, 1C; 2A, 2B, 2C; 3A, 3B, 3C and 4A, 4B, 4C (see Page 11, Section 16 below)
- 4 - Discussion Questions 1 and 2 (see Page 12, Section 17 below)

Links to these assessments can be found at the top of the course website home page (see address above).

- The course is divided into four units: **Please listen to each unit's audio lecture materials prior to attempting any of the unit's assessments (Exams, Topic Assignments or Discussion Questions).** These lectures will provide you with important course content and useful information.

Important assessment opening and closing dates: Please mark the following deadlines in your calendar (there will not be any Canvas reminders; email reminders will be sent by the Instructor to your ASU email address 1-3 days prior to the deadlines below):

- ✓ **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 at 8:00 am AZ time:** Unit 1 and 2 Assessments (Topic Assignments 1A, 1B, 1C; Topic Assignments 2A, 2B, 2C; Discussion Question #1 and Exams 1 & 2) open.
- ✓ **Monday, Oct. 28, 2024 before 11:59 pm AZ time:** Unit 1 Assessments (Topic Assignments 1A, 1B, 1C and Exam 1) are all due.
- ✓ **Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024 before 11:59 pm AZ time:** Unit 2 Assessments (Topic Assignments 2A, 2B, 2C; Discussion Question #1 and Exam 2) are all due.
- ✓ **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024 at 8:00 am AZ time:** Unit 3 and 4 Assessments (Topic Assignments 3A, 3B, 3C; Topic Assignments 4A, 4B, 4C; Discussion Question #2 and Exams 3 & 4) open.
- ✓ **Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 before 11:59 pm AZ time:** Unit 3 Assessments (Topic Assignments 3A, 3B, 3C and Exam 3) are all due.
- ✓ **Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024 before 11:59 pm AZ time:** Unit 4 Assessments (Topic Assignments 4A, 4B, 4C; Discussion Question #2 and Exam 4) are all due.

No late assessments will be accepted without verifiable documentation! Please see Section 15 for assessment make-up information and documentation requirements.

SECTION 1: ATTENDANCE POLICY

Herberger Online tracks and records all of your course logins. **You must be sufficiently engaged (participating) in the class (logging in 2 to 3 times per week for at least 2 to 4 hours per week, regularly listening to audio lectures and attempting, completing and submitting assessments each week), to qualify for any make-up assessment consideration.** Please note: "binging" the course just prior to a deadline or anytime during the semester is not considered engaged!

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Classes begin
Drop Deadline

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024 at 12:01 am AZ time
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024

Tuition and Fees 100% Refund Deadline	Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024
Single Course Withdrawal Deadline	Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024
Veterans Day- Classes Excused	Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Holiday- Classes Excused	Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 and Friday, Nov. 29, 2024
Complete Session Withdrawal Deadline	Friday, Dec. 6, 2024- please visit for information: https://students.asu.edu/forms/withdrawal
Classes End/Semester Ends	Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 at 11:59 pm AZ time – all course materials finalized!
Final grades submitted	Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 before 1:00 pm AZ time

For additional university deadlines and important dates for the Fall 2024 term, please visit:
students.asu.edu/academic-calendar.

SECTION 3: HERBERGER ONLINE AND ASU PHONE NUMBERS

- The Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts Herberger Online team (Herberger Online) (holsupport@asu.edu), not the Instructor, handles all computer-related issues and technical questions for this course, including test resets, exam and assessment access problems, and electronic grade compilations. Please email them for best assistance.
- Herberger Online has merged their support team with the ASU Help Center. The Herberger Online email address (holsupport@asu.edu) and 1-888/298-4117 phone number (internationally at 480/965-3057) connect to a front-line team at the ASU Help Center that has been trained to support Herberger Online courses. They are able to resolve many common issues right away without involving Herberger Online. Issues that can't be resolved at the ASU Help Center are then escalated up to Herberger Online, Tier 2 -- their process requires between 1-2 business days (depending on complexity and current caseload) to investigate and follow up with a student.
- All technical support channels are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can also reach technical support from the Service tab in MyASU. When requesting assistance, please be sure to include the class you are in, the title of any assessment you are having trouble with, a brief description of the problem, and provide your **ASU email address** as part of your signature in order to facilitate a response.
- With a class this large, your patience is appreciated while waiting for Herberger Online and the ASU Help Center to respond. **Responses from computer support personnel may come after an assessment deadline.** The increased demand on technical support from the remote work changes due to the pandemic has impacted the turn-around time for cases to be routed from the ASU Help Desk to the Herberger Online, Tier 2 support team. **Thank you for your patience.**
- Here are some additional important ASU contact numbers for your files:

Counseling Services (Tempe campus)	(480) 965-6146
Empact 24 Hour Crisis Line	(480) 921-1006
Health Services	(480) 965-3349
Student Success Center	(480) 965-9072
Student Rights and Responsibilities	(480) 965-6547

SECTION 4: INSTRUCTOR

- Mike Shellans, Associate Teaching Professor, mike.shellans@asu.edu, Music Building East, E463, 480/965-3371 (School of Music office). Please contact Prof. Shellans by **email only** for assistance. No phone/video calls or faxes, please. Because this class is fully online, and does not meet live, no on-campus office hours are held.
- The instructor typically answers emails Monday through Friday between approximately 9:00 am to 5:00 pm AZ time. Please use your ASU email address (_____@ASU.Edu) and specify *Elvis* for all course communications.
- **Please note:** Prof. Shellans handles questions regarding lecture materials and course and assessment content (**not** computer or technical issues). Prof. Shellans is a music instructor, **not** a computer programmer, and does not have the expertise to answer computer-related or technical questions. Prof. Shellans cannot speculate on Herberger Online's activities or responses. Please contact Herberger Online at holsupport@asu.edu with all questions in that area.
- **Please do not contact Prof. Shellans with computer-related or technical issues. You will receive a response directing you to Herberger Online. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

SECTION 5: TECHNICAL AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- **Please note:** This class is not accessible through Canvas. Please visit the class home page at <https://courses.hol.asu.edu/courses/elvis/> to begin the course. Your ASU courses can be accessed by both my.asu.edu and myasucourses.asu.edu; bookmark both in the event that one site is down.
- For information regarding your username and password, please visit Herberger Online at <http://courses.hol.asu.edu/services/accounts.php>. You can also email the Herberger Online staff at holsupport@asu.edu for assistance with logging on or other technical issues.
- Because this course is delivered entirely via the Internet, you are responsible for making sure that the computer you use to access all course materials meets or exceeds the specified computer minimum qualifications as listed on the course website.
- Due to the high media content of this course, necessary required skills include:
 - Setting up and configuring a media player that will consistently download and play the mp3 files and the mp4 digital clips delivered via the course website.
 - Establishing reliable broadband internet connection (DSL or cable) to stream videos.
 - Possessing intermediate computer knowledge, including “surfing” the net and communicating via email.
 - Downloading [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) (free) for reading any pdf articles.
 - Using a headset/earbuds, or speakers to listen to audio lectures.
- If your computer breaks or Internet access quits at any time during the semester, it is your responsibility to locate Internet access for all lectures, assignments, and exams. **No make-up assignments or make-up exams will be given because you “can’t find a computer”, your “computer doesn’t work” or due to “operator error” on your part!**
- You are highly encouraged not to enroll, or to drop immediately, if you do not have computer experience, if you are not willing or prepared to assume the added time requirements and responsibilities of a computer-based course, or if you plan to be away from a computer site for an extended period of time during the semester. If you believe you are unable, or if you are unwilling, to devote the time necessary to complete this course to your satisfaction, please consider dropping this class as soon as possible.
- **Prior to attempting any assessment, please check your browser for the latest updates to avoid issues such as “open assessment lock-outs”, which could occur during online sessions. Please clear your cache before attempting any course assessments and avoid using iPhones or iPads to access course materials.**
- MUS 354 is a 300-level, upper-division course targeting students who meet that specific criteria. An appropriate degree of rigor is involved. Enrollment may first be accessible only to upper-division students before any lower-division student consideration. Thank you for understanding.

SECTION 6: STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING SERVICES (SAILS/DRC)

- To request academic accommodations due to a disability or learning impairment, please contact Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS, formerly DRC) before starting the course and prior to contacting the Instructor or staff. This is a very important step, as accommodations cannot usually be made once an assessment has been taken. They can be reached at www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/ed/SAILS/#, 480/965-1234, TDD: 480/965-9000.
- If you have a Letter of Accommodation from the center indicating that you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please scan and email the documentation to mike.shellans@asu.edu no later than the end of the first week of the semester, or have SAILS personnel email the documentation on your behalf. This is to assure that you receive your accommodations in a timely manner and so that your needs can be addressed effectively.
- Once your letter has been received, your accommodations will be entered in the electronic grade book. **No accommodations will be available until receipt of that letter.** If extra time is specified in your accommodations, any exam overtime penalty points you accrue will be removed automatically as per your extra time allotment.
- Please contact Herberger Online immediately with questions regarding the technical end of online accommodations. No special accommodations can be given without prior official SAILS documentation.
- Students with disabilities will have an equally effective and equivalent educational opportunity as those students without disabilities. Students experiencing difficulty accessing course materials because of a disability are expected to contact SAILS so that a solution can be found that provides all students equal access to course materials and technology. Qualified students with disabilities who will require disability accommodations in this class are encouraged to make their requests to Prof. Shellans as early in the semester as possible, via email. It may be difficult to make accommodations retroactively. Disability information is always kept confidential.

- Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered with Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS) should contact SAILS immediately. SAILS offices are open 8 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday. Please check the [SAILS website](https://eoss.asu.edu/SAILS) for eligibility and documentation policies (<https://eoss.asu.edu/SAILS>).
- Your instructor will make any reasonable adaptations for limitations due to any disability documented with the Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services (SAILS), including learning disabilities. Please contact the instructor via email to discuss any special needs you may have. You must contact the SAILS to process the paperwork for special course accommodations. Students who feel they will need disability accommodations in this class but have not registered SAILS should contact SAILS immediately. Students should contact SAILS on the campus that your class is being offered. Campus-specific [location and contact information](#) can be found on the SAILS website.

SECTION 7: REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- The required textbook for this course is *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?* by Shellans and Slater, published by Dorset Group. An optional text for this course is *Elvis Inc.*, by Sean O’Neal, published by Prima Publishing. Please email the Instructor for suggested optional readings from this text.
- Either the eBook, 1st or revised first edition of the Shellans and Slater textbook will work, so you may choose which edition or format to purchase. You will only be tested on sections of *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?* that pertain specifically to this class, although peripheral material may prove interesting, informative and entertaining.
- Several Topic Assignment and Exam questions will be drawn from the required textbook and reading assignments. Please read **each and all** of the Required Textbooks and Reading Assignments as specified below, and take notes on unique and important (testable) information as you read.
- **Textbook and article readings and textbook/article-derived exam questions may not follow the exact chronology of the course audio lectures.**
- Textbooks can be purchased directly from the ASU Bookstore, Amazon.com, eBay, and various other online sources. Please visit the ASU Bookstore online at <http://bookstore.asu.edu/asutext/home.aspx>, or call the bookstore at 480/965-3191 to order the texts. Please email Christopher Hanks (hanksc@asu.edu) if you need ASU Bookstore assistance.
- Sorry, we do not have transcripts or copies of the texts available for loan or dissemination.
- You must have the texts in-hand before your first posted deadline occurs. **No make-ups or extensions will be given because you failed to acquire the textbooks in a timely fashion.**

REQUIRED READING ASSIGNMENTS

For Unit 1- Topic Assignment 1 and Exam 1:

- ✓ *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*: **Preface, Prelude** (with special attention to “Elvis Meets the Beatles”), **Chapter 1** (with special attention to “The King and His Most Inspired Follower” and Comparison) & **Chapter 2** (with special attention to “Elvis” and Comparison)

For Unit 2- Topic Assignment 2 and Exam 2:

- ✓ *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*: **Chapter 3** (with special attention to “Elvis”) & **Chapter 4** (with special attention to “Elvis”, Table 4.2, Table 4.5, Table 4.7 and Comparison)

For Unit 3- Topic Assignment 3 and Exam 3:

- ✓ *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*: **Chapter 5** (with special attention to “Elvis” and Comparison) & **Chapter 6** (with special attention to “Elvis” and Comparison)

For Unit 4-Topic Assignment 4 and Exam 4:

- ✓ *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*: **Chapter 7** (with special attention to “Elvis” and Summary) & **Chapter 8** (with special attention to “Singles”, Table 8.1 and Table 8.3), **Appendix A and Conclusions**

Here is an optional reading list of specific scholarly articles, used as a supplemental sources, which you may find interesting:

Unit 1: Elvis In the Heart of America

<https://web-p-ebSCOhost-com.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=16&sid=014f9ba1-adf3-4ba3-94bc-c1719e7e39c3%40redis&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZSZzY29wZT1zaXRl#AN=124562567&db=ulh>

Unit 2: What Made Elvis Wiggle?

<https://web-p-ebSCOhost-com.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=9&sid=014f9ba1-adf3-4ba3-94bc-c1719e7e39c3%40redis&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZSZzY29wZT1zaXRI#AN=6890089&db=ulh>

Unit 3: When We Talk About Elvis

<https://web-p-ebSCOhost-com.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=15&sid=014f9ba1-adf3-4ba3-94bc-c1719e7e39c3%40redis&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZSZzY29wZT1zaXRI#AN=25284317&db=ulh>

Unit 4: Elvis: A Musical Legacy

<https://web-p-ebSCOhost-com.ezproxy1.lib.asu.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=14&sid=014f9ba1-adf3-4ba3-94bc-c1719e7e39c3%40redis&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZSZzY29wZT1zaXRI#AN=149300082&db=ulh>

SECTION 8: DESCRIPTION / OBJECTIVE / STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The *Elvis* course addresses the post-World War II rise in popularity of American Rock & Roll, as spearheaded and personified by Elvis Presley. Rock and Roll's basis in Pop, Country & Western, Gospel, and the Blues, and its global influence and impact on music and culture, will be scrutinized in thorough detail. This class presents an in-depth analysis of the songs and the life of Elvis through an examination of his biography, recordings, films, and wide-ranging personal and musical accomplishments. Elvis will also be discussed as a high-profile communicator and influencer on complex world issues, through both song and stance, such as civil rights, anti-drug advocacy, and family values. The irony and dichotomy of Elvis's life, as a public persona and private citizen, will be assessed through comparisons of his legendary media presence and his self-destructive lifestyle.

This instructor-created survey course covers musical elements and historical background of Elvis in four sections:

- Unit 1: Welcome / Course Introduction, Childhood / First Recordings, Singles and Tours, First T.V. Appearances and #1 Hits, 1956 Recordings, Hollywood and First Film, Million Dollar Quartet, Loving You
- Unit 2: Jailhouse Rock, Christmas Music, King Creole, Elvis in the Army, Early .60s Recordings, Sinatra Show, G.I. Blues, Blue Hawaii, 1962 and Films, Viva Las Vegas
- Unit 3: Harem Holiday, '66 Films, '67 Films, '68 Special, In the Ghetto, '69 Songs, '70 - Elvis in Vegas, Bridge Over Troubled Water
- Unit 4: Something, Lady Madonna, My Way, '72 - Madison Square Garden, '73 - Aloha from Hawaii, Stax Studios, Way On Down, Final Notes

Course Objective

1. Elucidate for students the complete and complex nature of the "King of Rock & Roll," and attempt to dispel the stereotyped reports of later Elvis as simply an overweight, addled, drug addict incapable of performing coherently. Through chronological lectures, films, videos, and assigned readings, students will achieve a multidimensional view of perhaps the most unique, influential, and enduring single performer in Popular Music history.
2. Provide students historical perspective regarding Elvis and his place in the evolution of music and society, from the late-1950s through the late-1970s.
3. Consider Elvis's personality and quirks, such as his over-zealous philanthropy, need for constant companionship and public adoration, addictive tendencies, nearly-photographic memory, subordination to authority figures, life-long search for religious meaning, over-indulgence, fascination with weapons and Karate, obsession with law enforcement, hair-trigger temper and other interesting topics.
4. Present an unbiased but factual look at manager Colonel Parker, his hold on Vernon Presley (Elvis's father), his unorthodox management style, his relationship with Elvis, and his checkered personal history.
5. Discuss Elvis as a family man: husband, father, son, and benefactor to his many cousins and the Memphis Mafia.
6. Present an exhaustive compendium of Elvis's songs, from his first recordings in the mid-1950s through his top-selling singles, album and movie hits, Las Vegas years, and many live performances, concluding with his final 1977 appearances.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Ability to assess Elvis from every angle with an abundant knowledge of the man and his music.
2. Understand Elvis's "biracial" musical background, and his assimilation and synthesis of both black and white musical styles.

3. Place in historical context Elvis' movies, and differentiate the various stages of this portion of his career.
4. Comparison of "Elvis-mania" with its roots in fan reaction to Frank Sinatra, and its later manifestation as "Beatlemania".
5. Appreciation of the fascinating "rags to riches" story of Elvis, a truly iconic American figure, through an extensive evaluation of his life and music.
6. Awareness of the human side of Elvis, with his faults and foibles; the legendary stage persona, and his love for the limelight and his audiences.

This course fulfills the ASU **Humanities, Arts and Design** General Studies requirement. Students completing a Humanities, Arts and Design course will be able to:

1. Analyze cultural creations or practices in historical or contemporary context.
2. Interpret the formal, aesthetic, and creative elements in literary, visual, or cultural texts.
3. Articulate relationships among tradition, innovation, individual creativity, and communal expression in cultural creations or practices.
4. Communicate narratives, ideas, or arguments using such elements as evidence, creativity, and critical thinking.

SECTION 9: EXAMS

- There will be four exams, which are all online, and are not cumulative or comprehensive; there is no separate "final" exam. Exam 1 corresponds to Unit 1 of the audio and posted song/artist outline; Exam 2 to Unit 2, and so on. No exams will be dropped.
- For each exam, the computer randomly chooses all questions from a large question bank, so no two exams will be exactly alike. **All exam questions are drawn directly from the audio lecture materials and assigned readings.**
- Each exam will be 30 questions, worth 1 point each, so 30 total points are possible per exam. Exams will consist of approximately 20 multiple-choice questions, and approximately 10 questions featuring audio (not video) examples.
- Each exam will have a time limit of **50 minutes** in which to finish, and **you must keep track of your own time**. You will lose .5 points as a penalty for every minute you go over 50, and no overtime penalty points can be removed without verifiable documentation. **You must submit your exam when completed- exams will not submit themselves!**
- You will be issued a unique receipt number for every successfully submitted exam, and **you must retain that number until final grades are posted as proof of your completed submission**. Please email Herberger Online if your score is not posted on the course Grades page within 28 hours after you complete an exam.

NOTE: Once you enter assessment, you will NOT be able to access course materials on the website. Do not have any additional tabs/windows open (called "open assessments") on your browser while taking an exam or assignment, as this could cause your submission to be unsuccessful and/or lock you out of the course. Please clear your cache before each assessment attempt. You will need to study and access all your specific section lectures before each exam opens. There will be no access to these materials for any students while the exams are online.

SECTION 10: ON-SCREEN TIMER

- There will be an on-screen timer present during exams in this course, which will count down from the exam time limit to zero. This timer is **not** official, and is intended only as a visual aid to give you an estimate of how much time you have left to complete your exam. **The timer will NOT automatically shut off your exam after 50 minutes!** The only times that matter are the start and end times as recorded by Herberger Online's servers, and those are the official times that will be used to calculate any and all overtime penalties. **You must monitor and keep track of your own time!**
- No points will be added to an exam score, and no exam grade will be changed, based on the state, or the claimed state, of the timer. Please do not submit screenshots or photographs of the exam page in an attempt to prove you were under the time limit, as it's not the official exam time. **Herberger Online tracks all of your login information, including start times and durations.**
- When the exam timer reaches zero, it will stop counting down and will display a message to let you know you have likely exceeded the exam time limit. **The timer will not show you how much additional time you are taking, and will not calculate your overtime penalty during the exam.**

- If the exam timer reaches zero before you are finished with your exam, simply complete the exam as quickly as you can; just be prepared for the possibility of losing points for exceeding the time limit.
- You will never be kicked out of an exam, and **no exam will ever be submitted automatically by the system**, because of the timer or otherwise. **Please do not contact the Instructor or Herberger Online with any such claims.**
- The existence of an exam timer means it is very important that you do not leave an exam in progress, open any other Internet pages, or try to refresh the exam page. Leaving the exam, or reloading it, could cause the timer to reset itself, making it look like you have more time left than you actually do. Again, the only times that matter are the **start and end times recorded by Herberger Online's servers**. Any manipulation of the timer—accidental or otherwise—will not affect the recorded start and end times on your exam receipt.
- If you do NOT see the timer, or **if you encounter any other technical difficulties during your exam, do not take the exam!** Please log out and either reset your exam, or immediately contact Herberger Online (holsupport@asu.edu) for assistance.
- Topic Assignments and Discussion Questions are not timed, but once you enter these assessments, you must complete them before exiting to receive credit.

SECTION 11: TESTING PROCEDURES

- Once the course assessments open, you can proceed at your own pace, within the posted deadlines and attendance policy parameters. **No late or make-up assessments will be available after the posted times and dates without documentation as detailed in Section 15 of this syllabus.**
- Please visit <https://courses.hol.asu.edu/courses/afterbeatles/> to log in and access an exam. Please remember **it is your responsibility to correctly note in your calendar the deadline dates and times** of all Exams, Discussion Questions and Topic Assignments. Make-ups will not be available for students who confuse deadlines.
- **It is your responsibility to locate reliable Internet access during the exam.** Make-ups will not be available for students who claim personal computer difficulties on their end.
- If you experience any personal, computer, or technical issues during an exam, DO NOT “JUST GUESS”, OPEN ADDITIONAL WINDOWS, OR SUBMIT THE EXAM, as that grade must stand as posted! Instead, exit your browser and attempt to fix the problem by restarting your system, or moving to a different computer. If you cannot remedy the issue, contact technical support immediately by emailing holsupport@asu.edu, or click on the 'Submit a Help Request' button on the course Help page. Once the issue has been resolved, return to the Exams page on the course website to reset your exam or wait for a response from Herberger Online.
- To avoid complications while taking an exam, please keep the following in mind:
 - It is best to log in to the exam and complete it without leaving the exam page at all. Opening other tabs or windows, especially pages from the class website, can lead to problems when submitting the exam.
 - Do not reload/refresh the exam page during the exams.
 - Avoid logging into or out of any other ASU page (myASU, etc.) during the exam, as your login session is tied to your ASU account, and logging out of any other ASU page during the exam will log you out of the exam as well. In other words, treat this like an exam in a normal classroom: **log in and start the exam, and don't do anything else until you've finished it.**
 - Most of the technical problems Herberger Online encounters regarding exams stem from students opening multiple tabs, or logging in and out of the class during an exam. This can cause issues including an invalid assessment session and unsuccessful submission.
 - Please note that **Herberger Online retains all student login information** (IP address, time spent online for every audio lecture, and assessments opened and closed).
- Please allow yourself at least 40-45 minutes to both read the exam entrance page, and complete and submit the exam itself. Starting the exam during the last due date or close to the submission deadline is not recommended, as you may encounter technical difficulties with little time left in the unit. **Please do not wait until the last minute to take your exams!**
- Tests will not be accepted in printed form, or via email, or email attachment. Please do not use iPhones, Blackberries, iPads, or any other palm devices to take an exam, and wireless connections are not recommended.

SECTION 12: ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND INTEGRITY

- Exams for this course are not considered “open book” exams; therefore, you should NOT use any written, electronic/online, or other notes during the exam itself. No other web pages (other than the exam itself) should be open while you are taking an exam, so do not open any additional web pages from the course or other locations. This includes viewing downloaded course website information while taking the exam, having any Internet sites

open other than the exam link, listening to audio excerpts while accessing another student's exam, using notes during an exam, conferring with other students and similar behavior.

Do NOT, for any reason, navigate away from an exam once you have opened it! No other web pages, course materials or other assessments should be open, and no other computer should be accessed while taking an exam or assignment. Accessing, or attempting to access course lectures or any other course pages while you are taking an exam or assignment, or opening new browsers, may be in violation of the ASU academic honesty policy.

- Tests are not to be taken as a group effort; therefore, you should NOT discuss the exam with other students before or while taking an exam, nor should you collaborate with other students while taking exams.
- Do not give your ID or password to anyone else, and do not allow anyone else to access or take exams or assignments in your name.
- Students must refrain from uploading to any course shell, discussion board, or website used by the course Instructor or other course forum (material that is not the student's original work) unless the students first comply with all applicable copyright laws. Faculty members reserve the right to delete student submission materials on the grounds of suspected copyright infringement.

Do NOT submit false or incorrect information to Instructor or staff. This would include completing and submitting exams or assignments in an impossibly brief or unrealistic time frame compared to the amount of time typically required to do the work (as determined by the Instructor or staff). Please remember that Herberger Online retains complete and accurate records of all your activities while logged onto this course.

Any academic violations will result in sanctions and possible additional disciplinary action. All violations detected during the term, either electronically or by other means, will be sanctioned, even if the exam has already been graded and points assigned. As noted, our computer logs record all student interactions with the course website, and Herberger Online randomly and specifically screens these logs for evidence of collaboration and cheating. If such activity is observed, either physically or through computer records, all students involved will be called to account for their actions. There will be no exceptions to these procedures, or leniency regarding these policies.

Students found cheating will be sanctioned in accordance with the student code of conduct and the rules against academic dishonesty upheld and enforced by Arizona State University. For more information, visit:

<https://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity>
<https://provost.asu.edu/sites/default/files/AcademicIntegrityPolicyPDF.pdf>

Every student is expected to produce his/her original, independent work. Any student whose work indicates a violation of the ASU Academic Integrity Policy including cheating, plagiarism, and dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action. Plagiarism is defined as "deliberately passing off someone else's words or ideas as your own." All necessary and appropriate sanctions will be issued to all parties involved with plagiarizing any and all course work. Plagiarism and any other form of academic dishonesty that is in violation with the Student Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Arizona State University and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts expect the highest standards of academic integrity from all students. Failure to meet these standards may result in suspension or expulsion from the university or other sanctions as specified in the ASU Student Academic Integrity Policy (<http://provost.asu.edu/academicintegrity>), "[e]ach student must act with honesty and integrity, and must respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments." This policy also defines academic dishonesty and sets forward a process for faculty members and colleges to sanction dishonesty. Violations of this policy fall into five broad areas that include but are not limited to:

- Cheating on an academic evaluation or assignments
- Plagiarizing
- Academic deceit, such as fabricating data or information
- Aiding Academic Integrity Policy violations and inappropriately collaborating
- Falsifying academic records

The instructor sanctions any incidents of academic dishonesty in these courses using University and HIDA guidelines. Should you have any question about whether or not something falls subject to this clause, feel free to contact the instructor or review the university policy on academic integrity at the above link. Per ASU policy, a student may not

avoid the consequences of academic dishonesty by withdrawing from a course, and may be placed back in the course in order to face sanctions resulting from academic integrity violations. You are responsible for abiding by this policy.

The ASU student honor code affirms the commitment of ASU to uphold the values, principles, and ethics of academic integrity. All students are expected follow the code which states, “We, the students of Arizona State University, have adopted this code as an affirmation of our commitment to academic integrity and our participation in ethical education. We embrace the duty to uphold ASU’s Honor Code, and in light of that duty, we promise to refrain from academic dishonesty. We pledge to act with integrity and honesty to promote these values among our peers. We agree to always abide by the [Sun Devil Way](#) and uphold the values of the [New American University](#).”

SECTION 13: COPYRIGHT

- Students must refrain from uploading to any course shell, discussion board, or website used by the course Instructor or other course forum (material that is not the student's original work) unless the students first comply with all applicable copyright laws.
- Faculty members reserve the right to delete materials on the grounds of suspected copyright infringement. The materials that make up this course’s content, including lectures and other handouts, are copyrighted. Students may not share outside the class, upload, sell, or distribute course content or notes taken during the conduct of the course (see [ACD 304–06](#), “Commercial Note Taking Services” for more information). **THIS CONTENT IS PROTECTED AND MAY NOT BE SHARED, UPLOADED, SOLD, OR DISTRIBUTED.**

SECTION 14: RESETS

- You can reset your exam if you have technical problems on your first submission. You are not allowed a second reset on an exam. We recommend, in these cases, that you restart your browser before you try to reset the exam. Typically, you can reset exams yourself simply by logging back into the exam as you normally would. When you go back to the Exam page, the system will know that you need a reset, and you just have to follow the links provided.
- Resetting any exam means the computer will be creating a new exam for you. Any answers you provided before are already lost, and you will be starting over again. All exams draw random questions from a large question bank, so you will never get the same exact questions in the same order again.
- **Exams that have been submitted CANNOT be reset, and those grades must stand as posted. There are no do-overs, redos or retakes on submitted assessments under any circumstances! Please DO NOT email Prof. Shellans if you have computer or technical issues, as he cannot answer computer-related questions or accept computer-generated or emailed assessments.**
- Resets are only available for students experiencing technical difficulties while testing online. Only one online reset per exam is allowed, and only two resets or make-ups per student per semester on two different exams are allowed.
- If you are not able to successfully submit your reset exam due to technical reasons verifiable by Herberger Online, the Instructor may allow another reset or chose an online or essay-style make-up exam. Students must present verifiable documentation regarding technical issues, illness or other personal issues to qualify for make-up consideration (see Section 15 below). The Instructor reserves the right to substitute an essay-style make-up exam for an online make-up exam at any time without question.

SECTION 15: MAKE-UP ASSESSMENTS AND POLICIES

- Because this course is fully automated, we do not have “extensions” available, only make-up assessments. **We do not have “half or partial credit” assessments available.**
- It is the responsibility of you, the student, to initiate the make-up process. The Instructor will not ask you if you want assessment make-ups: you must be proactive with your requests to qualify for make-up consideration.
- At the time of your make-up request, if you are **not** sufficiently engaged (participating) in the course (logging in 2 to 3 times per week for at least 2 to 4 hours, regularly listening to audio lectures and attempting, completing and submitting assessments) as per the course Attendance Policy, you will **not** qualify for make-up consideration.
- **Make-up assessments are not available to students who “forget”, “get confused” or “write down the wrong” due dates and deadlines. It is your responsibility to note these deadlines in your calendars!**
- If you experience a personal or professional situation causing you to miss an assessment, and you have been regularly engaged (participating) in the course as per the course Attendance Policy, and require make-up consideration (not because of a computer or technical issue [handled by Herberger Online]), please email Prof. Shellans at mike.shellans@asu.edu and be prepared to present, via email response, scanned official documentation

accounting for the missed assessment. **Documentation must cover the entire period of your absence, be in English (sorry, the Instructor is not bilingual) and printed on company/official letterhead (with an official logo, not your personal letterhead), and must contain your name, a contact name and telephone number.**

- Sorry, we no longer accept plane/transportation tickets, as they only tell us that you went “somewhere for something”.
- Some examples of acceptable verifiable documentation include:
 1. Medial documents, such as records from a doctor or hospital, if you are or someone from your immediate family or circle is injured or ill (sensitive diagnosis information redacted, if you wish).
 2. Funeral notices, memorial pages, Celebration of Life documents, obituaries or Death Certificates (sensitive information redacted) if someone from your immediate family or circle has passed away.
 3. An employer letter on company letterhead if you are required to miss assessments for business or work-related duties.
 4. A letter from your coach or academic advisor detailing your sport, days absent, and reasons why you were unable to obtain Internet access during the assessment period.
 5. Any other verifiable documentation which details specifics as to why you were unable to complete and submit your assessments during the period they were available, and why you are now requesting make-ups.
- You must contact Prof. Shellans as soon as possible for make-up consideration; please be sure to indicate the name of the class you are in. **Do not wait until the last hours of the last day with your requests!**
- As per the course Attendance Policy), make-up assessments will only be available to students who are engaged (participating) in the course at the time of the request (logging in 2 to 3 times per week for at least 2 to 4 hours, regularly listening to audio lectures and attempting, completing and submitting assessments).
- After verifiable documentation has been received and corroborated, we will contact you again via email with specific make-up instructions. No make-ups will be given until our staff has completed phone verification of your official document. All submitted documentation will be checked for authenticity; those who submit false documentation will be sanctioned according to the Student Code of Conduct. **Please do not submit false documentation.**
- **All make-up instructions will be sent to your ASU email box only. Please make sure that box is not full.**
- Absences for illness, quarantine or self-isolation related to illness should be documented by a health professional and communicated to the instructor via email.
- Excused absences do not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence.
- If you have submitted verifiable documentation and qualify for make-up consideration, under certain situations, essay-style make-up assessments may be substituted at the Instructor’s discretion. Prof. Shellans reserves the right to substitute an essay-style make-up assessment for an online assessment, depending on the student’s specific academic and/or technical circumstances.
- The score for an essay-style make-up assessment will act as the score for the failed reset, or as your official make-up assessment. All words and ideas included in your essay assessment must be your own and not cut and pasted from the Internet or other sources, or sanctions will be levied as per the Student Code of Conduct. All essay-style make-ups for Exam 4 must be secured by Instructor permission only, and are only allowed under specific, documented circumstances. There will be no exceptions to this procedure, so please don’t ask!
- Students should email the Instructor if they miss assessments during or related to religious observances/practices in accordance with [ACD 304-04](#), “Accommodation for Religious Practices”. Students will be responsible for materials covered during their absence and should consult with the Instructor to arrange reasonable accommodation for missed exams or other required assessments.
- Students may be required to miss classes due to university sanctioned activities in accord with [ACD 304-02](#), “Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities”. This does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of the absence. Students should inform the Instructor early in the semester of upcoming scheduled absences and immediately upon learning of unscheduled required class absences. Reasonable accommodation to make up missed exams or other required assessments will be made. Please consult with the Instructor BEFORE the scheduled absence to arrange for this accommodation.
- A student who is a member of the National Guard, Reserve, or other U.S. Armed Forces branch who misses classes, assignments or examinations due to line-of-duty responsibilities, shall have the opportunity to make up the coursework in accordance with [SSM 20-18 Accommodating Active Duty Military Personnel](#). This accommodation also applies to spouses who are the guardian of minor children during line-of-duty activities. This policy does not excuse students from course responsibilities during their absence. Students should first notify the

Pat Tillman Veterans Center (<https://veterans.asu.edu>) of their activation and then the Instructor to discuss options.

- **No online make-up assessments are accepted via email, or will be available once the semester/classes have ended. No make-ups will be accepted after final grades have been posted.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SECTION 16: AUDIO LECTURE NOTES AND TOPIC ASSIGNMENTS

- A link to the Audio Lectures and related song/artist information is on the Classroom page of the course website. Please use this link to access course content information, and use the information presented to build your own study guides. No other guides, notes, or outlines will be available. **The audio lectures are the meat of the course, and the source for the majority of the exam questions. The assigned readings alone will not suffice for exams.**
- The Topic Assignments are separate, self-contained, required homework, and will **not** be revisited on the exams. Format will include five multiple choice questions with seven possible answers.
- Assignments may include provided video clips or specify text readings. **No late or make-up assignments will be available after the posted deadlines without documentation as per Section 15 of this syllabus.**
- Via a link on the Exams/Assignments page on the course website, three Topic Assignments will be available during each of the four units (so...12 assignments total, 5 points each, 60 total points available). For example, Unit 1 of the course will have Topic Assignment 1, parts 1A, 1B, and 1C; Unit 2 will have Topic Assignments 2A, 2B and 2C, and so on. Each of these Topic Assignment parts will have five questions, and the assignments consist of reading and/or video clips. **All twelve Topic Assignments are required.**
- **These links will also be available at each unit's specific Topic Assignments.** Here is a list of the Topic Assignments you will see at the Exams/Assignments link:

1A: Video- Memphis Mafia interview, Elvis' family and his temper

1B: Reading- Cold Hard Fact on page 10 in Chapter 1 of *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*

1C: Video- Elvis and The Jordanaires, "Too Much"

2A: Reading- Cold Hard Fact on page 61 in Chapter 3 of *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*

2B: Video- Elvis, Jailhouse Rock, "Treat Me Nice"

2C: Video- Memphis Mafia interview, movies and Hollywood

3A: Video: Elvis, '68 Special, "Heartbreak Hotel"

3B: Video- Elvis, in recording studio, "That's All Right Mama"

3C: Reading- Pages 137-144 in Chapter 6 of *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*

4A: Reading- Pages 163-169 in Chapter 7 of *Who is the Greatest: Elvis or The Beatles?*

4B: Video- Narrator Bill Bixby, The Elvis Files

4C: Video- 12 News Education Team, Elvis Class at ASU

- There is no time limit once a Topic Assignment is open; however, if you leave the assignment page, or if you open a new page or tab while it's open, any answers you provided will be lost and you will need to start over again.
- Resetting any assignment means the computer will be creating a new assignment for you. Assignments are drawn randomly from a question bank, so you will not get the same exact questions again.
- Points for these assignments will be added to the course grade checker automatically upon submission. If you do NOT receive a receipt number upon submitting a Topic Assignment or exam, consider it a FAILED submission. In other words, Herberger Online did not receive your Topic Assignment or exam on its server. If Herberger Online does not receive your Topic Assignment or Exam, you cannot be given a grade, even if you did attempt unsuccessfully to submit the assessment. If you believe your submission was successful but you did not receive a receipt number, you may fill out a problem report or email Herberger Online at holsupport@ASU.Edu requesting verification of your submission.
- It is suggested you do your work as early in the course timeline as possible to avoid any issues that might arise. Student inactivity, tardiness, or confusion regarding important dates and deadlines cannot be used as an excuse to obtain late or make-up assignments.
- Please do not have any other web pages open, including multiple assignments, when submitting a specific Topic Assignment. **Once a Topic Assignment has been submitted, that grade must stand as posted.** No submissions will be accepted via email or beyond the due date without verifiable documentation.
- Be sure to **keep a record of all of your completed assessment receipts.** The Instructor will not accept any emailed assessments. It is your responsibility to locate reliable Internet access in order to submit Topic Assignments before

each posted deadline.

- **In order to preserve the integrity of the assignments and exams, we cannot post the correct answers or email you the exact questions you missed; we can summarize for you upon request. Please email Prof. Shellans for assistance.**
- Because the assignments are not timed, zero minutes is the default readout.
- Sorry, **no** late or make-up Topic Assignments will be allowed without documentation as per Section 15 above!

SECTION 17: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The Discussion Question link can be found at the top of the class home page, to the right of the Exams/Assignments link, labeled Discussions. **Discussion Questions are not listed on the Exams/Assignments link.**
- Participation in **two** discussion forums, covering significant musical and historical topics and designed to be thought-provoking, **will be required** as part of this course. Discussion Questions must be completed and submitted by the posted deadlines. Please note these dates in your calendar. The Discussion Questions below also appear at the Discussion Question link found at the top of the class home page:

Discussion #1: Some critics claim that Elvis “stole” or “appropriated” African-American music for commercial purposes. Other state that Elvis was simply “influenced” and “inspired” by the Blues and R&B. Can you argue both sides of thought? Did Elvis and/or Colonel Parker consciously usurp African-American musical elements or was that just part of Elvis’ musical evolution? You must write **at least 150 words** to cover the topic briefly but thoroughly.

Discussion #2: Discuss whom you believe may be the most responsible for Elvis’ untimely demise: Priscilla and/or Vernon Presley, the Memphis Mafia, Elvis’ doctors, Elvis himself. What more could they have done to prevent his death during the final three years of his life? How did the influence of the women in Elvis’ life contribute to his longevity and/or his health and personal issues? You must write **at least 150 words** to cover the topic briefly but thoroughly.

- Each Discussion Question is worth 10 points. When you submit your original post in each of the discussions, you will automatically receive the full 10 points, and your grade will appear on the Grades page of the site. The Instructor will then review your submission for length, authenticity and content, adjusting points as necessary. **Citations or footnotes are not required. Please refrain from direct quotes, as your viewpoints are wanted.**
- You will receive credit for your first post in each discussion area. While you are able to post responses as many times as you want, only your first post will be graded, and any subsequent submissions will be deleted. Only original posts will receive credit, and you will not be given any grade on comments you leave in the forums.
- You will not be able to view the posts of other students before submitting your own, original post. Once you post, you will be able to read through the work of others and leave comments if you wish (not required, only your original post). Responses to other students’ postings are not required and are not graded, but welcomed. Rude or argumentative responses will be deleted, and points subtracted from your post at the Instructor’s discretion.
- You must write, in English, **a minimum of 150 words** to be considered for full credit (again, no citations are required). Posted grades will have points deducted if the minimum word requirement is not met. **No Discussion Question submissions will be accepted via email.**
- Please read the Discussion Questions carefully, and address the specific topics as posted to receive credit. You will not receive credit for off-topic verbiage, or lengthy quotes drawn directly from outside sources. Your discussion responses must consist of **at least 150 words**, and you must **use your own words and thoughts**. Please remember that once you submit an assessment, that grade must stand as posted, pending review by the Instructor.
- Sorry, but with weeks to complete and submit, **no** late or make-up Discussion Questions are available for this course without verifiable documentation covering the entire period the assessment was open.
- Your Instructor may review your post **at any time during the semester**, and may decide to deduct points from your score if your post is less than the 150-word minimum, is not your own original work, is not substantive, or fails to address the actual subject of the writing prompt. Please see the penalty scale below:

NUMBER OF WORDS SHORT	PENALTY DEDUCTION
1 - 15	- 1 point
16 - 30	- 2 points
31 - 45	- 3 points
46 - 60	- 4 points

61 - 75	- 5 points
76 - 90	- 6 points
91 - 105	- 7 points
106 - 120	- 8 points
121 - 135	- 9 points
136 - 150	- 10 points

SECTION 18: POINTS AND GRADING

Total points earned, not percentages, determine grades. The points for course components are determined as follows:

120 total points for Exams (4 Exams @ 30 points each)

60 total points for Topic Assignments (12 Topic Assignments @ 5 points each)

20 total points for Discussion Questions (2 Discussion Questions @ 10 points each)

200 total points possible

To determine your grade, refer to the following scale:

180 to 200 points = A

160 to 179 points = B

140 to 159 points = C

120 to 139 points = D

0 to 119 points = E

Logged in, but quit attending/submitting = EU

Never logged in or participated = EN

- **This scale is set in stone. Sorry, no plus/minus grades are currently available for MUS 354.**
- **No bumps up, curves or pushes of any type exist in this course. The grade you earn is your final grade!** Thank you for not asking!
- **No extra credit points, additional or partial course work or extra assignments are available.**
- The Pass/Fail option and grades of X and Y are not available for this course.
- Grades cannot be officially posted or reported early. Please email the instructor if you wish your grade to be unofficially reported via email to a specific address.
- Sorry, we do not have Honor's credit/contracts available for this course at this time.
- **No exceptions will be given under any circumstances whatsoever to the above policies, even if you are 1 point from the grade you desire, so please do not ask. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, and your willingness to take "no" for an answer.**

SECTION 19: RECEIPT NUMBERS AND GRADE CHECKER

- If an assessment submission is successful, all submitted Exams, Topic Assignments, and Discussion Questions are each given a receipt number via a submission results page. If you do not receive a receipt number for an Exam, Topic Assignment or Discussion Question, that submission has NOT been successful, and you should contact Herberger Online immediately at holsupport@asu.edu for assistance. **If you have no receipt number, you have no grade. It is your responsibility to print or write out and retain each receipt number you receive for every Exam, Topic Assignment and Discussion Question you submit. This is your official receipt for work completed, so it is important to print and keep these receipts.** Inquiries about missing grades sent to faculty, staff, or to Herberger Online cannot be responded to if they do not have the receipt number(s) for the submission in question.
- After each course unit has ended, your grades can be viewed by clicking on the tab for the Grades page. Please allow Herberger Online several hours after each course unit has ended to process and post scores. **It is your responsibility to keep track of your status in the course by regularly checking your grades and assessments.** Though Academic Status reports will be sent out regularly, **we will not "inform you" of specific missing or uncompleted assessments, so you must track your own progress.**
- To calculate your grade during the semester, please subtract your point total from the 200 possible points in the course, and allow for any remaining Exams, Topic Assignments or Discussion Questions. After Exam 4, please visit the Grades page to determine your final score. Please contact Herberger Online if you believe there are discrepancies in your scores, or the Registrar's Office if your final grade does not appear on your transcripts after final grades have been submitted.

SECTION 20: SIGNATURES, WITHDRAWALS AND INCOMPLETES

- Although most **official forms and grade reports** can now be handled online, please email the Instructor with any other specific inquiries in that area. If you wish to Withdraw from this course, it is your responsibility to do so according to the posted dates on the syllabus and Academic Calendar. Any course registration changes are processed through MyASU at <http://my.asu.edu>. Alternatively, you may speak with your advisor or college major office for complete information regarding Withdrawal dates and policies.
- **No late W grades are available**, as the Herberger Institute does not allow for withdrawals after the official university deadlines. As per university policy, students do not qualify for Academic W status if they are not doing acceptable or passing work. **ASU policy does not allow an Instructor to assign a W simply because a student is dissatisfied with their grade or any aspect of the course.**
- If you are unable to complete the course, it is your responsibility to arrange for withdrawal from the class. You will not be automatically withdrawn, and unless you are officially withdrawn from the course, you will receive a final grade based upon the total points you have earned for the semester. Students are required to pay all tuition and fees for any registered course unless enrollment is officially cancelled during the 100% refund period. Please visit the Academic Calendar to review the withdrawal deadlines for this semester. For more information on Drop/Add and Withdrawal visit: <https://students.asu.edu/drop-add>
- The **Incomplete** is not a routine process for attempting to successfully complete a course. Rather, it is a limited academic exception intended to address situations where a student who has been doing **acceptable (passing) work** experiences exceptional extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control preventing their timely completion of the course. In evaluating requests for Incompletes, the instructor not only assess the nature of the extenuating circumstances and whether such circumstances were beyond the student's control, but also whether the student's record of attendance, participation and performance demonstrates the likelihood for successful completion of the remaining coursework.
- All Incomplete contracts must also be approved from the academic unit leads. While policy dictates the maximum time for contract completion as one calendar year, the instructor considers what materials are outstanding and determines the appropriate extension. Students can read more about the Incomplete policy at <https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/ssm/ssm203-09.html>

SECTION 21: ACADEMIC STATUS REPORTS

- This course incorporates an early alert reporting system called Academic Status Reports (ASRs) to give you helpful updates throughout the semester. An ASR will let you know if you are progressing well or if there are concerns related to your class performance. Concerns may be related to missing classes, missing assignments, or the quality of your work. ASR notifications will be sent to your ASU email address and are visible on [My ASU](#) in the My Classes box. The ASR may provide recommended actions, such as emailing your instructor or contacting your academic advisor.
- If you receive an ASR, don't ignore it and keep calm (it might be good news). Read the message, follow the suggested instructions, and don't delay. Information for making an appointment with your academic advisor can be found on [My ASU](#) in the Academic Support Team box. Students should view ASRs as confirmation of good work or use them as a catalyst to make changes, seek assistance, and improve in the course.

SECTION 22: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OVERVIEW

- At the start of the semester, you will be provided with Academic Integrity information when you initially login to this course. You will be asked to "accept" that you have read and agreed to comply with the policy. If you do not agree, you will be referred to the ASU Course withdrawal page. This is ASU policy as established by the Herberger Institute. **Cheating of any type will not be tolerated.** All necessary and appropriate sanctions will be issued to all parties involved in plagiarizing any and all course work. Plagiarism and any other form of academic dishonesty that are in violation with the Student Code of Conduct will not be tolerated. Please refer back to **Section 11, Academic Dishonesty**, for additional information.
- **Threatening or disruptive behavior:** Self-discipline and a respect for the rights of others online and in the university community are necessary for a conducive learning and teaching environment. Threatening violent or disruptive behavior may result in the administrative withdrawal (removal) of the student from the class. Threatening, violent, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in this class, and will be handled in accordance with ASU policy (SSM104-02). For more information regarding university policies in this area please visit: <https://eoss.asu.edu/dos/srr/PoliciesAndProcedures> and <https://eoss.asu.edu/dos/safety/ThreateningBehavior>.

- Please allow at least 48 to 72 hours for email replies from Herberger Online. Emails received by Herberger Online or the Instructor after 5:00 pm on a Friday may not be answered until after 9:00 am the following Monday. Any emails requesting exceptions to the class policies as outlined on this document may not be answered. We also reserve the right to not respond to rude, argumentative, threatening, vulgar, abusive, or repetitive emails, and to forward them to the proper authorities as necessary.
- As an ASU student, you are required to use your ASURITE (i.e., student@asu.edu) for course communications. If our reply to you bounces back as "Undeliverable: Returned mail" and/or with, "This message could not be delivered because the recipient's mailbox is full", we will not make a second attempt. This includes any and all course communications, such as make-up verifications and make-up instructions. **It is your responsibility to make sure you are able to receive ASU emails by clearing your ASU and personal mailboxes, or otherwise ensuring ASU and MUS 354 emails can be received unblocked, and not marked as spam.**
- With so many students enrolled in our MUS 354 classes, we must adhere strictly to the policies and procedures as outlined on your syllabus. No deadline extensions of any type are available for MUS 354. Thank you for accepting that there are NO EXCEPTIONS, and for not asking. We also appreciate your understanding in regard to the amount of information provided in this document, and the somewhat brusque/direct nature or tone of this syllabus, all of which is deemed necessary in order to communicate effectively.
- Please remember that **once an Exam, Topic Assignment or Discussion Question has been submitted, that grade must stand as posted, without exception.** Never guess at answers or submit a faulty exam, assignment or discussion! Please refer back to **Section 13, Resets and Make-up Exams**, and **Section 15, Audio Lecture Notes and Topic Assignments**, for additional information. **Sorry, as this class is automated, no assessments can be opened early, or grades posted early.**
- Herberger Online handles all technical aspects of this course, and students as well as the Instructor must abide by its conclusions in this area. Herberger Online makes no decisions regarding course content, and the Instructor makes no decisions regarding computer-related and technical issues.
- Any technology fees help pay for services provided by the Herberger Institute Distance Learning department, and does not compensate the School of Music or Instructor. Please contact the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts for additional information regarding any technology fees.
- This course is listed as repeatable in the course catalogue, and this is because there are a number of general studies music survey courses that fall under the course ID number MUS 354. This in no way means you can repeat the same exact MUS 354 course for credit towards your degree program. Instead, it is intended that students may take a variety of (i.e., more than one) MUS 354 courses, provided each course is on a different subject, such as *Beatles*, *Beatles After the Beatles*, *Women Who Rock*, or *Elvis*. **Sorry, no overrides or late-adds are available for our MUS classes**, and we cannot switch enrolled students between courses.
- No exceptions will be made to any of the policies as outlined in this document, under any circumstances. Any changes to course information made by the Instructor or staff will be posted on the course homepage or via email, and are subject to change at any time, without notice, during the semester. The student is responsible for noting changes and acting accordingly. Grading and absence policies are not subject to change. **It is your responsibility to check your ASU email account and both the syllabus and class homepage frequently for updated information and announcements.**
- **Please consider this document your contract with MUS 354. By enrolling and participating, you agree to be obligated to follow the policies and procedures of this Internet course with the same attention and responsibility as you would any on-campus offering. This includes making note of and adhering to any important dates and deadlines. By enrolling and participating, you also agree to abide by all of the terms as outlined without question or complaint; to regularly reread this document as well as the class homepage for new information, to review class policies and procedures, and to check your point totals regularly.**
- Due to the compact nature of this course schedule, this class moves rather quickly. Please note that no make-ups or extensions can be given because of the accelerated nature of this abbreviated schedule. **Please commit to completing your course work in a timely fashion. Do not wait until a due date or deadline to begin your assessments!**
- Please keep in mind that there is a plethora of musical sources on the Internet containing debatable, questionable and sometimes erroneous information about many of the topics covered in this course. For this class, you will be tested directly on **only** the information presented on the class website: the audio lectures as well as the assigned readings. Please disregard all debatable outside sources as far as your audio lectures and assessments are concerned, and specifically regarding testing materials.
- Students are required to read and act in accordance with university and Arizona Board of Regents policies, including: The Academic Integrity Policy found at <https://provost.asu.edu/academic-integrity/policy>; the Arizona

Board of Regents Student Code of Conduct found at <http://students.asu.edu/srr/code>, and the Campus Safety guidelines found at <https://eoss.asu.edu/dos/Safety>.

- Arizona State University is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation for the entire university community, including all students, faculty members, staff employees, and guests. ASU expressly prohibits [discrimination](#), [harassment](#), and [retaliation](#) by employees, students, contractors, or agents of the university based on any protected status: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and genetic information. Please refer to the policy on sexual discrimination as described in [ACD 401](#), "Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation".
- Title IX is a federal law that provides that no person be excluded on the basis of sex from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Both Title IX and university policy make clear that sexual violence and harassment based on sex is prohibited. An individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual violence or harassed on the basis of sex can seek support, including counseling and academic support, from the university. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex or sexually assaulted, you can find information and resources at <https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/faqs>. As a mandated reporter, the Instructor is obligated to report any information he becomes aware of regarding alleged acts of sexual discrimination, including sexual violence and dating violence. ASU Counseling Services, <https://eoss.asu.edu/counseling>, is available if you wish to discuss any concerns confidentially and privately.
- **Anti-Discrimination Statement:** The [Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts](#) at [Arizona State University](#) upholds, values, and cherishes student and faculty diversity, no matter the circumstance. As members of the ASU community, we are charged with challenging injustices and social inequities of any kind through education. These values are an integral part of our standing as an institution and must be upheld by all members of the ASU community, including but not limited to all Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts staff, faculty and students. The call is clear and present at ASU for every member of our community to do their part in fostering a culture of Inclusive Excellence that contributes meaningfully to lasting equity for all. For students and faculty alike, this culture of Inclusive Excellence creates role models, broadens perspectives, combats negative stereotyping and enables artists, designers and makers of the 21st century to think creatively, critically and, above all, compassionately about our impact on the world at large.

This course and [Arizona State University welcome all students](#) regardless of race/ethnicity, gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, disabilities, religion, regional background, Veteran status, citizenship status, nationality and other diverse identities that we each bring to class. Each of us bear intersectional perspectives that are born out of our backgrounds and identities, and each of us has a contribution to make towards our culture of Inclusive Excellence. As your instructor, I expect that all of my students abide by the following community agreements:

- to bring a willingness to deeply inspect your own assumptions about the world, identifying areas in which you may need to unlearn implicit biases and behaviors
- to help others learn by respectfully voicing your thoughts and reactions, acknowledging that they are partial to and shaped by the way you make sense of the world
- to demonstrate a curious and eager inquiry into how others make sense of the world

Diversity of experiences, backgrounds and opinions are essential to cultivating a rich academic environment which in turn strengthens our capacity to be ethical and empathetic creative-thinkers. We aim for students of all backgrounds to be well served by this course and that the diversity students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength and benefit. The materials of this course, including readings and assignments, will reflect this commitment to diverse and inclusive knowledge. If a student feels that there has been a discrepancy between my teaching practices and the university's commitment to Inclusive Excellence, you are encouraged to discuss your concerns directly with me. We value your learning experience and welcome all opportunities to enrich the efficacy of this course for all student groups. Here are resources available to all students to report incidents of bias, harassment, and other forms of discrimination inside and outside the classroom:

- Unsure of whether the concern you experience or witness falls under the criteria of bias, harassment, and other forms of discrimination? You can fill out the Herberger Institute Community of Care form at herbergerinstitute.asu.edu/caring describing the situation. One of the members of the Herberger Institute Behavioral Response Team will connect with you.
- Anyone who believes that they have been subjected to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of this policy, or who believes that this policy has been violated, should report the matter immediately to the [Office of University Rights and Responsibilities or the Dean of Students office](#) or directly fill out an [incident report](#).

- Unless a person is restricted by law from doing so, any employee who is informed of or has a reasonable basis to believe that [sexual harassment](#) has occurred, shall immediately [report](#) all information regarding the occurrence(s) to the Office of University Rights and Responsibilities or the Title IX Coordinator or the Dean of Students office. More reporting pathways are available to students on the [University's Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation](#) policy page.
- **Offensive Materials Disclaimer:** Every effort is made to limit explicit or potentially offensive content in this class without ignoring important issues in the history of Popular music. This is not always possible when the title of a song or recording, or the lyric within that song or recording, or the description of an artist or style may include explicit or culturally sensitive language. Please realize that any terminology of this nature is used in historical perspective only, not as any comment reflective of contemporary mores.
We do not intend in any way to offend, nor do we as the content and technical team, the School of Music, the Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts, or Arizona State University share in the opinions of the authors/source materials quoted or musicians and their songs that may offend. Nonetheless, because these materials speak to issues and controversies in the history of Popular music that are essential to this course, no suitable substitutions are available for them, and none will be provided. We apologize, but in this course, you may be required to listen to, view, and analyze materials that you may consider offensive by today's standards. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SECTION 23: STUDENT SUCCESS AND THE CLASSROOM LEARNING COMMUNITY

- **Netiquette**, a social code that defines “good” online behavior is something to keep in mind during your online course interactions. Writing may be the only means of communication you have with classmates and the Instructor, so it is especially important to do this effectively. Follow the guidelines below to leave your mark as a knowledgeable, respectful and polite student who is also positioned to succeed professionally. Tips for appropriate netiquette can be found here: <https://asuonline.asu.edu/newsroom/online-learning-tips/netiquette-online-students>.
- Threatening, abusive, violent language or disruptive behavior will result in the administrative withdrawal of the student from the class, as per the *Student Services Manual*, [SSM 104-02](#), “Handling Disruptive, Threatening, or Violent Individuals on Campus”.
- **To be successful:** You are part of the learning community in this course and expected to engage with the material, discussion and other activities with care and integrity, and to respect the rights of others in carrying out all academic assignments and classroom discussions. We expect active and informed participation in completing course assessments and class discussions. Part of the responsibility for that community learning is the physical and mental health and wellbeing of others.
- **Additional success strategies:** check the course website daily and read any announcements, complete assessments prior to the deadlines, **respond to emails using your ASU email address**, communicate with the instructor as soon as possible when non-technical issues arise, contact Herberger Online if computer-related or technical issues occur, create an assignment and study schedule to better stay on track and access ASU Resources (<https://eoss.asu.edu/resources>) when necessary. Resources included are advisement, registration, financial aid, disability services, counseling, tutoring, library, Novel Coronavirus updates and announcements and more. The academic calendar can be found here <https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar>

The MUS 354 Instructor and staff thank you for enrolling in this class, and appreciate your patience in reading through this lengthy document. 😊