

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - MUSIC Course Number and Title: Music 402.7 – Film Music

Session: Spring 2017

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Office Hours	Tuesday and Thursday 11:00-12:00
Day(s),time(s) and	Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-3:15
location of Class	Craigie Hall F202
Out of class activities	None, but the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra is presenting <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i> with orchestra on May 19/20. Your attendance is encouraged – extra credit is available. I have a small number of seats reserved for the afternoon performance on the 20 th .
Learning resources: required readings, textbooks and materials	Hickman, Roger. <i>Reel Music: Exploring 100 Years of Film Music</i> . 2 ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 2017. Supplementary materials available through D2L
Prerequisites	None.
Supplementary fees	N/A
Course description	Selected topics examining commercial music from a critical perspective. Topics may include the examination of the work of specific creators or performers, the recording industry, the impact of specific instruments (guitar, percussion, electronic media, etc.), or cross-cultural influences. May be repeated for credit.
Course overview	The invention of the motion picture in the last years of the nineteenth century was relatively inauspicious, but the meteoric rise of film to its current position as one of the dominant forces in the cultural life of most Western citizens has been profoundly important. From its earliest times, film has been accompanied by music: pianists, organists and small orchestras played in theatres to cover the sounds of the projectors and to provide an appropriate mood, aiding the suspension of disbelief that is critical to film's impact. Later generations of composers created an approach to film music that gave it an important role in the narrative structure of the works and, in certain cases, vastly outstripped the popularity of the films for which these pieces were originally written. Music in contemporary film today represents the most important point of contact for many people with the great symphonic musical traditions that underpin Western musical culture and also (for good and bad) serves as a primary point of contact for the music and culture of non-Western peoples. Films are also filled with popular music, and the intersection of music and image does important work in creating our image of ourselves as a people, giving us common references that are essential for a vibrant culture.
	The great irony of film music is that, for a long time and still in many cases, film scores were designed to be almost unheard. Music slips in and out of the narrative, usually without drawing our attention. For this reason, early film composers were much maligned by their art music contemporaries. Even now, when the scholarly study of film music is relatively common, many people simply do not hear the wonderful things going on in the score. Therefore, we will begin by re-learning how to listen to film, how to hear what in places has been artfully concealed. At times, we will be mesmerized by

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	ham-fisted of Hollywood f have interest some expos	e power of music while at other times we will be frankly shocked at the or inappropriate cues of lesser films. Our focus will be on the music of film, since its richness could never be exhausted by a single course. If you sts in European cinema, Bollywood or other filmic traditions, you will get ure to them in this course and hopefully will feel inspired to look and listen as in a new and rewarding way.
	a variety of through onl	will combine lecture elements, directed viewing/listening of excerpts from films and group discussion & response. Student learning will be assessed ine listening quizzes, tests and a final project. You will be responsible to aterial covered in the textbook and in the lectures.
Course learning	By the comp	pletion of this course, successful students will:
outcomes	from its orig	o identify the main historical trends of film music in the Hollywood tradition gins in the 1900s through the present day o speak and write clearly about the ways that music helps to shape the
	scene, moo	d and narrative of Hollywood films
		o identify themes and their transformations in the tradition of the Golden
	helpful four	n introduced to non-Hollywood cinematic traditions in a way that lays a indation for further exploration
	musical cha	an excerpt from some Hollywood film, identifying the musical themes and racteristics that add to the overall effect and be able to place that excerpt ate historical and stylistic contexts
Course schedule:	Please come watched the	e to class having done the assigned reading for the class date, and having e film excerpts for each viewer guide (found on D2L). Selected video clips ass will also be uploaded to D2L
	May 16	Introduction Chapter 1: Exploring Film and Music Chapter 2: Elements of Music Chapter 3: Listening to Film Music
	May 18	Music in Silent Film Chapter 4: Forerunners of Film Music Chapter 5: A New Art Form
	May 25	The Golden Age of Silent Film Chapter 6: The Foundations of Modern Filmmaking Chapter 7: Breaking the Sound Barrier Chapter 8: Europe after World War I
	May 27	The Golden Age of Hollywood Sound Films Chapter 9: The Classical Hollywood Film Score Chapter 10: Lighter Musical Scores
	June 1	Modern Voices Chapter 11: Hollywood and World War II Chapter 12: International Filmmaking: A Golden Age Interrupted
	June 3	WWII and its Aftermath Chapter 13: The Postwar Years

		Chapter 14: Expanding Modern Music, 1951–1959			
		Chapter 15: Country, Rock, and All That Jazz, 1951–1959			
	June 3: Take home midterm available through D2L, covering the material through				
	Chapter 15				
	June 8	The 1960s			
	Julie 8	Chapter 16: The Revitalization of International Filmmaking			
		Chapter 17: The Tumultuous 60s			
		Chapter 18: The Rockin' 60s			
	June 10: Take home midterm due through D2L by 9:00 AM				
	June 10	The New Wave in America and Abroad			
		Chapter 19: Emerging from the Crisis Years			
		Chapter 20: The New Wave and World Cinema			
	June 15	Classic Hollywood Revival			
	Julie 13	Chapter 21: The Return of the Classical Score			
		Chapter 22: Alternatives to the Symphonic Score			
	June 17	In the Shadow of Star Wars			
		Chapter 23: Box Office vs. Critics			
		Chapter 24: Global Views of the Past and Present, 1975–1988			
		Chapter 25: Historical Films			
	June 22	New Settings in Hollywood Films in the 80s and 90s			
		Chapter 26: Life in America			
		Chapter 27: Animations, Comedies, Romances, and Fantasies			
		Chapter 28: World Cinema after the Cold War			
	June 24	The New Millennium I			
		Chapter 29: Blockbuster Fantasies and Adventures			
		Chapter 30: Seeking Heroes			
	lune 24 Take-l	home final exam distributed, with focus on the materials after the			
	midterm	morne milar exam distributed, with rocus on the materials after the			
	June 27	The New Millennium II			
		Chapter 31: Animations, Musicals, and Dramas			
		Chapter 32: International Films Achieve Parity			
	Final project &	k take-home final due by the end of exam period			
Assessment	Students will k	pe assessed according to the following table:			
components					
		dance/Participation 10%			
	Quizze				
		home midterm 15%			
		home final 15%			
	Final p	project 20%			

Attendance

Learning to hear film is not as simple as it seems, since many of the techniques central to film scoring are designed to avoid conscious notice and work on a sub-conscious level. We will spend much of our class time working through the viewing/listening projects in the textbook, and on noticing similar processes in other films. It's important therefore that you attend regularly and participate as much as possible. Attendance will be taken each class. Once during the term, you will be asked to make a short presentation responding to a question about the assigned reading/viewing. This presentation will be factored into the grade for this item. See the pdf "In-class Expectations for Student Participation" on D2L for a grading rubric.

Reading/viewing quizzes

Much of the graded work in this class will be completed through online quizzes. These will be due weekly just prior to the beginning lecture of the following week, so that quiz 1, covering material from the week of May 13 will be due Tuesday May 21 by noon. These quizzes are designed to help you to identify the important concepts and terms in the reading. They will consist of multiple choice questions taken directly from the assigned reading/viewing. Each quiz will have its questions drawn at random from a test bank. Each quiz can be attempted three times, and the highest grade will be taken in each instance. An open-book approach to these quizzes is acceptable. All quizzes will be available for one week, from the end of Tuesday's class until noon on the following Tuesday.

Take-home midterm and final

The format of the take-home midterm and final will directly parallel the kind of activities done in class and modelled in the readings, but they will be slightly longer and more complex examples that give you the opportunity to draw together several different techniques. These will include short answer questions, theme identifications and some short essay questions in which you will be asked to respond critically to the cues you have seen and heard. It is important that you learn to remember the themes in the textbook (recordings available on D2L)

Final project

For the final project, you will find a series of 10-15 minutes clips from a variety of Hollywood films on D2L that are a fair representation of the genres we've studied. You will choose one of the clips and arrange to watch the entire film in order to understand the role of music in the entire work. Then, using the Viewer Guides in your textbook as a model, you will prepare a subtitle file (instructions on D2L – it is very simple) that annotates the given clip. You should include the names of important themes (if applicable), plus a description of other interesting uses of music and silence (including but not limited to: underscoring, source music, allusions to historical/ethnic/popular styles, music supporting or running counter to the narrative. The project should be accompanied by a short essay (3-5 paragraphs) on the uses of music in the film, again on the model of the textbook, which places the scene you've annotated in its proper context. If you have the technical capability of creating your own short film clip from a different film on which you would rather work, you can substitute that film for one of the selections provided.

Alternative Final Project

If you are a musician, actor, filmmaker or creative individual, you may propose your own final project in lieu of the one described in this syllabus. Your proposal must be received by **June 6, 2017** and must contain a clear description of the work you plan to do. If approved, we will agree on an appropriate rubric for grading in a private meeting. You may also propose a group project. In these cases, the contribution and role of each group member must be clearly explained in the proposal, and a peer evaluation component will be factored into the final grade for each participant. Examples of possible alternative projects would be: to compose and perform (either with acoustic instruments or through a DAW) a musical score to an existing film clip 5-10 minutes in length; to shoot an original scene and fit it with appropriate music; to transcribe the underscoring for a significant cue from a major motion picture (length will vary depending on instrumentation). Please contact me to discuss any other options that you think might be compelling.

Assessment expectations

Expectations for Writing:

Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

Expectations for Attendance and Participation:

Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.3 Attendance for details.

Guidelines for Formatting Assignments

See examples and rubrics on D2L for the formatting of the final project and exams.

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments

Assignments must be submitted through D2L by the due dates. All due dates are clearly listed on the D2L calendar, and in the description for individual quizzes and dropbox assignments.

Late Assignments

Late assignments will not be accepted without a compelling and documentable reason. Please discuss this with me as soon as possible.

Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass

The quizzes will be evaluated out of 15, so passing requires that you get at least 60% of the questions correct (see the conversion table for percentage grades and letter grades below). The final project and the short answer and listening portions of the midterm and final must display a working knowledge of the terms and concepts we have studied. Required theme should be identified by the titles used in the textbook. Musical characteristics such as instrumentation need not be exact (you will not fail if you cannot distinguish a clarinet from an oboe), but I expect to see an effort made to hear as accurately as possible, meaning that you are identifying instruments and textures as appropriate and not only the emotional or affective qualities of the music. It is not mathematically necessary to complete all quizzes in order to pass the class,

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	Please see	the rubric	on D2I regarding final projects.		
Grading scale			nole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined Undergraduate Calendar for 2015-2016:	ni k	
	Grad		Description		
	A+	4.00	Outstanding.		
	A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter.		
	A-	3.70	understanding of subject matter.		
	B+	3.30			
	В	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete.		
	B-	2.70			
	C+	2.30			
	С	2.00	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter.		
	C-	1.70	Receipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not be		
			sufficient for promotion or graduation. (See individual		
	D+	1.30	undergraduate faculty regulations.)		
	D D	1.00	Minimal pass - marginal performance; generally insufficient		
		1.00	preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.		
	F	0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course		
			requirements.		
	A+ >95; A=9 69; D+=64-6	90-95; A-=8 66; D=60-6		7-	
Midterm and final examination scheduling	should there period. If a so other valid re exam may be procedures:	fore avoid r tudent is ur easons, doc e given. Stu ucalgary.ca,	be scheduled at any time during the examination period; students making prior travel, employment, or other commitments for this hable to write an exam through no fault of his or her own for medical umentation must be provided and an opportunity to write the missed dents are encouraged to review all examination policies and are encouraged to the encourage are encouraged to t		
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Internet and electronic	elearn.ucalga				
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	The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and other electronic communication devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the				
	classroom. If you violate the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic communication				
			, you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse may resu		
			ct. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in class without		
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Conveight	honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are referred to the section on plagiarism in the University Calendar (ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html) and are reminded that plagiarism Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it—is an extremely serious academic offence. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student Success Centre (TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.
Copyright	It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post or distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing Guidance for Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyright Office web page (library.ucalgary.ca/copyright).
Academic accommodation	Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/ . Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other
	than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy 0.pdf .
FOIP	<u>ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy</u>
Student misconduct	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html
Academic standing	ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f.html
Safewalk	220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>
Campus security	220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. They connect directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button.
Emergency evacuation	Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. THE PRIMARY ASSEMBLY POINT FOR CRAIGIE HALL IS THE PROFESSIONAL FACULTIES FOOD COURT. For more information, see the University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:
	ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints
Faculty of Arts program advising and student information resources	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at SS102, email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
	For academic success support, such as writing support, peer support, success seminars, and learning support, visit the Student Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library (TFDL), email them at success@ucalgary.ca or visit their website at ucalgary.ca/ssc/ for more information or to book an appointment.
Commention	For enrolment assistance, including registration (add/drop/swap) changes, paying fees, and navigating your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], by email at futurestudents@ucalgary.ca or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
Course outlines for transfer credit	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference. Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.
Letter of permission	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a letter of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC. Students must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school. Failure to prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the faculty.

Students' union and	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/
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	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
	Graduate Student's Association: gsa.ucalgary.ca/executive
	Student Ombudsman: su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-rights
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