

**Music 535 and 633:
The Piano Music of Chopin and Liszt
General Information and Grading**

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Texts: Jim Samson, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Chopin* (Cambridge, 1992)
Kenneth Hamilton, *The Cambridge Companion to Liszt* (Cambridge, 2005)
Trevor Herbert, *Music in Words*

Course Outline: There will be two “units,” each unit treating one of the composers under consideration. For each of the units there will be in-class discussions (analyses) of specific works, with homework preparation required. Class participation in the analytical/historical discussion is essential. The in-class discussion will also involve assigned readings from the texts and the scholarly literature concerning the works studied.

There will be two tests, one on each of the composers studied. The first test will be the midterm test; the second test will be the final examination. It will take place during the examination period. Both tests will include a repertory listening component, as well as written questions involving short and long answers, and analysis.

Term Papers: Two papers will be required, one on Chopin, the other one Liszt. For each paper students should choose a work NOT COVERED IN CLASS, which will serve as the basis of the paper. The paper should include a brief historical discussion of the work, as well as an analysis, covering issues of form, style, harmony, and melody. Details will be provided in class.

Listening: For each of the tests (exam) there will be a listening component. All the items for the tests are on YouTube.

<u>Grading:</u>	Midterm Test	25%	<u>Due Dates:</u>	Midterm I	October 22
	Class Participation	10%		Term Paper 1	October 27
	Term Papers (2)	40%		Term Paper 2	December 5
	Final Examination	<u>25%</u>		Final Exam	Registrar
	Total	100%			

Note: Depending upon the kind of work, grades will be given in either letter form or in numbers. The chart given below indicates the conversion between letter and number grades.

A+	96-100
A	90-95
A-	86-89
B+	82-85
B	78-81
B-	74-77

C+	70-73
C	65-69
C-	60-64
D+	55-59
D	50-54
F	below 50