

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

Course Prefix and Number: MUS 195

Credits: 3

Course Title: Topics in Music: World Music Styles

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

Provides studies leading to knowledge of world music styles and cultural enrichment. Includes research, writing, and listening assignments, as well as traditional classroom lecture. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose:

This course will provide a knowledge base of world music as foundation to understanding other music styles and aesthetics. It will prepare students to better apply research and writing skills to subjects related to world cultures, and gain an understanding of how cultures related to one another and develop over time. Required for AAA degree in Music; Liberal Arts elective.

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

No prerequisites/corequisites are required for this course.

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

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of world music styles and their place in world cultures
- b. Understand the phenomenon of cross-cultural influences
- c. Identify, by listening, examples of the major world music styles
- d. Demonstrate skill in musical/cultural research
- e. Write clearly and effectively about subjects related to world music

Major Topics to be Included:

- a. Definition of musical terms and concepts
- b. Use and purpose of music in culture
- c. World music styles by geographical location
- d. Transformation of music and culture

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