

## MUS 796 –MUSIC OF THE ROMANTIC PERIOD

**Course Description.** MUS 796 is an advanced course appropriate for qualified graduate students (and qualified undergraduate students with permission) that examines the structures and processes, performance practices, functions, meanings, and composers of representative works of musical Romanticism from the late eighteenth and nineteenth century (ca1780–ca1900) within contexts including the fine arts, philosophy, politics, economics, science, and society.

### ***Expected Learning Outcomes.***

The student will:

- describe and implement advanced research and bibliographic principles;
- assess and critique pertinent scholarship;
- categorize and explain historical and theoretical concepts;
- implement advanced writing and oral communications skills;
- explain the literary, philosophical, and visual movements that converge in musical Romanticism in the eighteenth century and persist through the revolutions of 1848–49, and post-Romantic developments during the second half of the century;
- critique and analyze musical works of the period;
- compare the education, career paths, and creative processes of musicians during the period; and
- explain the performance conventions, performing institutions (e.g., opera houses, court and civic orchestras), orchestral practices, instrument characteristics, and theatrical conventions of the period.

**Prerequisite.** Graduate students enrolled in MUS 796 must have successfully completed Bibliography (MUS 690) or its equivalent. Graduate students must also have passed the Department’s Graduate Music History Placement Examination or successfully completed the Graduate Music History Review course before enrolling in this, or any other, graduate music history course.

### ***Recommended Texts*** (purchase or rental recommended)

Frisch, Walter. *Music in the Nineteenth Century*. Western Music in Context: A Norton History. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, 2013.

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- Berlioz, Hector, and Edward T. Cone. *Fantastic Symphony: An Authoritative Score, Historical Background, Analysis, Views and Comments*. New York: Norton, 1971.
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- Heath, Duncan, and Judy Boreham. *Introducing Romanticism*. Cambridge: Icon Books, 1999.

- Higgins, Thomas. *Frédéric Chopin: Preludes, Opus 28: An Authoritative Score, Historical Background, Analysis, Views and Comments*. New York: W. W. Norton, 1973.
- Hobsbawm, E. J. *The Age of Revolution: 1789–1848*. New York: Vintage Books, 1996; 1962.
- Honour, Hugh. *Romanticism*. New York: Harper & Row, 1979.
- Horton, Julian. *Bruckner's Symphonies: Analysis, Reception and Cultural Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
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- Lawson, Colin and Robin Stowell. *The Historical Performance of Music: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
- Le Huray, Peter, and James Day. *Music and Aesthetics in the Eighteenth and Early-Nineteenth Centuries*. Abridged ed. Cambridge Readings in the Literature of Music. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.
- Pasler, Jann. *Camille Saint-Saëns and His World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.
- Plantinga, Leon. *Anthology of Romantic Music*. Norton Introduction to Music History. New York: W.W. Norton, 1984.
- Plantinga, Leon. *Romantic Music: A History of Musical Style in Nineteenth -Century Europe*. Norton Introduction to Music History. 1st ed. New York: W. W. Norton, 1984.
- Rawes, Alan. *Romanticism and Form*. Basingstoke, England: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
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- Schwartz, Vanessa R., and Jeannene M. Przyblyski. *The Nineteenth-Century Visual Culture Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2004.
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Youens, Susan. *Hugo Wolf and His Mörike Songs*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

These and other materials may be found on physical or e-reserve in UNLV Libraries or are otherwise available.

### ***Computer Access***

The course presupposes that the student owns or has routine access to a personal computer with Internet access. The student is expected to use a computer to, among other things, view course materials in WebCampus, conduct research, communicate with the instructor and fellow-students, and write and print certain assignments.

### ***Course Requirements and Policies***

Course requirements and policies are explained below. Students are obliged to read carefully, understand, and comply with each of the requirements and policies.

Attendance/Participation	20%
Assignments and Final Project	30%
<i>(Miscellaneous assignments: 12%)</i>	
<i>(Final project 18%)</i>	
Midterm Examination	18%
Final Examination	32%

## CLASS SYLLABUS

*The syllabus is subject to change. The most recent version can always be viewed in WebCampus.*

Class	Date	Topics	Works	Assignments & Readings
1.	1/25	Foundations of Romanticism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C.P.E. Bach “Prussian” Sonata in F Major, movts i and ii</li> <li>• Haydn, Symphony No. 45 in F# Minor (“Farewell”), i</li> <li>• Haydn, “Chaos” from <i>The Creation</i></li> <li>• Beethoven, <i>Egmont</i> Overture, Op. 84</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 1 and 2. Blume, “The Beginning of the Romantic Era in Music.”
2.	2/1	Beethoven’s Late Style  Beethoven’s Contemporaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beethoven, Bagatelle, Op. 126, no. 1</li> <li>• Beethoven, String Quartet in C# minor, Op. 131, i, iii, iv (theme, <i>Più mosso</i>, <i>Andante moderato e lusinghiero</i>, and <i>Adagio</i>)</li> <li>• Hummel, Sonata in D Major, Op. 106, i and ii</li> <li>• Schubert, “Death and the Maiden” Quartet in D Minor, D. 810, i</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 3. Taruskin, (TBA on Schubert). Black, “The Functions of Harmonic Motives in Schubert’s Sonata Forms,” pp. 1–3 (top) and 25–42 (through p. 61 is recommended). Frisch, Ch. 13, pp. 236–41 (on pianos).
3.	2/8	Romantic Song	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zelter, selected Lieder</li> <li>• Schubert, “Gretchen am Spinnrade”</li> <li>• Schubert, <i>Die schöne Müllerin</i>, excerpts</li> </ul>	Rosen, “Schubert’s Inflections of Classical Form,” 72–77 (on “Gretchen am Spinnrade”). Taruskin, <i>Music in the Romantic Period</i> , pp. 119–48 (on the

				Romantic Lied).
	2/15	Washington's Birthday	No class meeting	
4.	2/22	Early Romantic Opera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rossini, <i>Il barbiere di Siviglia</i>, Act 1 finale</li> <li>• Bellini, <i>Norma</i>, “Casta Diva”</li> <li>• Weber, <i>Der Freischütz</i>, Act 2, sc. 2 “Leise, leise”</li> <li>• Glinka, <i>Ruslan and Lyudmila</i>, excerpt</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 13, pp. 242–45 (on the Romantic tenor). Frisch, Ch. 4.
5.	2/29	Romantic Piano and Orchestral Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chopin, Prelude in A Minor</li> <li>• Chopin, Ballade in F Minor, Op. 52</li> <li>• Liszt, <i>Années de Pèlerinage</i>, “Au bord d’une source”</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 6. Frisch, Ch. 13, pp. 241–42 (on Chopin at the piano). Higgins, “Historical Background,” pp. 3–8, and Meyer, commentary on Prelude No. 2, pp. 76–79, in <i>Chopin: Preludes, Op. 28, An Authoritative Score</i> . Samson, <i>Chopin: The Four Ballades</i> , pp. 62–68. Rosen, <i>The Romantic Generation</i> , pp. 83–87 (on the A-minor prelude).
6.	3/7	(cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berlioz, <i>Symphonie fantastique</i>, ii (“Un bal”)</li> <li>• Berlioz, <i>La Damnation de Faust</i>, excerpt (Scene 16, “Invocation to nature”)</li> <li>• Mendelssohn, Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Op. 35, No. 1</li> </ul>	Hugo, Preface to <i>Cromwell</i> , pp. 101-17, in Halsted, ed., <i>Romanticism</i> . Lawson, <i>The Historical</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mendelssohn, “Die schöne Melusine” Overture</li> </ul>	<i>Performance of Music</i> , pp. 124-37 (on the <i>Symphonie fantastique</i> ). Frisch, Ch. 13, pp. 245–52 (on orchestras and Romantic performance style).
7.	3/14	(cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Schumann, <i>Carnaval</i>, Op. 9, excerpts</li> <li>• Robert Schumann, <i>Dichterliebe</i>, excerpts</li> <li>• Clara Schumann, Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann</li> <li>• Brahms, Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann</li> </ul>	Rosen, <i>The Romantic Generation</i> , pp. 41–58 (on fragments and <i>Dichterliebe</i> ).
	3/21	Spring Break	<i>No class meeting</i>	
8.	3/28	Wagner and Wagnerism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wagner, <i>Der fliegende Holländer</i>, Act 2, Senta’s ballade</li> <li>• Wagner, <i>Tristan und Isolde</i>, Act 1, sc. 3</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 8.
9.	4/4	Nationalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musorgsky, <i>Boris Godunov</i>, Act 2, Boris’s monologue</li> <li>• Dvořák, <i>Dumky Trio</i>, Op. 90, vi</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 7.
10.	4/11	Realism, Satire, Exoticism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verdi, <i>Rigoletto</i>, Act 3, sc. 3, quartet</li> <li>• Offenbach, <i>Orphée aux enfers</i>, Galop infernal</li> <li>• Bizet, <i>Carmen</i>, Habanera</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 9. Taruskin, <i>Music in the Romantic Period</i> , pp. 583–94 (on <i>Rigoletto</i> ).
11.	4/18	The Symphony as Epics and Monuments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brahms, Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68, i</li> <li>• Tchaikovsky, Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74, iv</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 10.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saint-Saens, Symphony No. 3 (“Organ”), i</li> <li>• Bruckner, Symphony No. 4 in E-flat Major, i</li> </ul>	
12.	4/25	Nineteenth-century music in the Americas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nineteenth-century New World repertoire, examples (TBA)</li> <li>• Beach, Violin Sonata in A Minor, Op. 34</li> </ul>	Frisch, Ch. 11.
13.	5/2	The End of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahler, <i>Songs of a Wayfarer</i>, no. 4, “Die zwei blauen Augen”</li> <li>• Wolf, <i>Mörike-Lieder</i>, “In der Frühe”</li> <li>• Strauss, <i>Don Juan</i></li> <li>• Puccini, <i>La Bohème</i></li> <li>• Debussy, “En sourdine”</li> </ul>	<i>Term research project due</i> Frisch, Ch. 12.
	5/9	<i>Final Exam</i>	6:00–8:00 PM	



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### Library Resources

Students may consult with a librarian on research needs. For this class, the subject librarian is

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