

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**



**COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE TITLE:** Music and Popular Culture

**CODE NO. :** GAS 109                      **SEMESTER:** Fall/Winter

**PROGRAM:** General Arts and Science

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**TOTAL CREDITS:** Three (3)

**PREREQUISITE(S):**

**HOURS/WEEK:** Two (2)

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## I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will give students the opportunity to think creatively and critically about the influence of popular music on culture. Students will explore different music genres (rock, metal, hip hop and rap), their development and social significance. Students may explore music in film, commercials, war and protest, social and civil rights movements, and the contributions of specific artists to contemporary culture. The ways in which popular music has contributed to the current culture and, in turn, how culture has shaped popular music will be examined.

This course meets the requirements for the General Education Arts in Society theme.

## II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Classify music into genre types

### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Recognize music genre types by rhythm and instrumentation
- Describe the origins of musical genres
- Identify the blending and influence of genres on each other

2. Identify the socio-cultural origins of each genre

### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Recognize the beginnings of individual genres
- Recognize the influence musical genres have had on culture
- Identify the cultural origins of musical genres

3. Identify features of music, artists and genre types through focused listening

### Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify the parts of a song: verse, chorus, bridge, riff etc
- Name specific musical artists and genres by listening

4. Recognize the function of technology in the development of music

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the evolution of technologies for the dissemination of music
- Summarize the development of recording technology
- Explain the cultural significance of musical technologies
- Recognize significant milestones in the recording and performance of music
- Recognize the role of radio in the popularization of music and its influence on culture

5. Describe the social and cultural significance of music

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Explain the role of music in personal and social identity
- Describe the role music has played in socio-cultural evolution and revolution
- Recognize the cultural prejudices that shaped the nature of popular music
- Recognize how music and musicians have been the targets of intolerance and adulation

6. Identify music with its era

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify the eras in which specific genres developed and/or became widely known
- Recognize important political, social, and/or technological movements and developments that accompanied the popularization of music within different eras.

### **III. TOPICS (May Include):**

1. Music and Socio-Cultural/Economic Identity
2. The Origins of Contemporary Music
3. Musical Genres
4. The Corporatization of Music
5. Music and Technology
6. Significant Artists and Business Architects

#### IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

The professor will assign readings as needed. Much of the listening material will be provided, but students will be expected to supplement resource material with their research.

#### V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Activities:	35%
Project:	20%
A Review of a Live Performance	15%
Tests (2 x 15%)	30%

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

**NOTE: Mid Term grades are provided in theory classes and clinical/field placement experiences. Students are notified that the midterm grade is an interim grade and is subject to change.**

## **VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

### Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

### The Addendum

#### Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

#### Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

#### Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

#### Accessibility Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Accessibility Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

**Communication:**

The College considers *Desire2Learn (D2L)* as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the *Learning Management System* communication tool.

**Plagiarism:**

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in Student Code of Conduct. Students who engage in academic dishonesty will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

**Tuition Default:**

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of <choose November, March, or June> will be removed from placement and clinical activities due to liability issues. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as of the result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.

**Student Portal:**

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. mysaultcollege gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

**Electronic Devices in the Classroom:**

**Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.**

**Note: For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.**

**It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.**