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Music Cultures of the World

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Entrance Assessment Questions

1. What are your musical goals for this course?

I would like to learn about new instruments and musical scales. One of my favorite bands just put out an album using ‘microtones,’ and I realize other cultures don’t even use our musical scale system.

Beyond this, I would like to learn about more musical styles, and how other people interact with music.

2. How do you think this course will change or enhance your relationship with music?

I believe knowing how other people experience music and learning new musical styles, will broaden my musical palette. As such, I will hopefully be able to enjoy new genres and artists I wouldn’t have found otherwise.

3. Do you expect this course to be easy or difficult, or in between? What letter grade do you expect to receive?

I expect this course to be in between. I expect I will receive a B simply because I’m taking a very heavy course load this term. I do believe I’m capable of an A, and I would like to obtain this, but I’m not confident I will be able to put in enough time.

4. Do you believe that your behavior and attitude in the classroom will affect other student’s learning experience?

Absolutely, my behavior and attitude will affect other student’s learning. Through discussions and responses, I can either inspire others to think more deeply. If I’m rude, I could cause others to be timid, and if I don’t participate much, others may follow in kind.