Creative Arts
Texas A&M University
Core Curriculum Cover Sheet
Initial Request for a course to be considered for the Fall 2015 Core Curriculum

1. This request is submitted by (department name): Performance Studies

2. Course prefix and number: AFST 327* 3. Texas Common Course Number: n/a
   * Cross-listed as AFST/MUSC/PERP 327

4. Complete course title: Popular Musics in the African Diaspora 5. Semester credit hours: 3

6. This request is for consideration in the following Foundational Component Area:
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   □ Mathematics  □ Government/Political Science  □ Social and Behavioral Sciences
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   Note: in 2011-12 and 12-13, we needed the instructor to focus on our newly
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anomaly; we will be able to continue offer
this course annually.

13. Submitted by: [Signature] for David Donkor

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AFST/MUSC/PERF 327 Popular Musics in the Africa Diaspora

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SPRING 2011
AFST/MUSC/PREF 327: POPULAR MUSICS IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA
PROFESSOR: David Donkor. dadonkor@tamu.edu
Office Hours: Wed 2pm-4pm or by appointment
Office: Academic. 105B Phone: 862 8531

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

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Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing or approval of instructor.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify a range of popular musics from the 20th century that have emerged from the African continent.
- Discuss the African Diaspora as a product and process of circum-Atlantic flows.
- Examine the African continental heritage and the early “New World” experiences of slavery.
- Analyze Diasporic reconnections with the African continent.
- Identify musical forms/styles including blues, mento, ska, rocksteady, reggae, calypso, soca, highlife, hip-life, kwato and Afrobeat.
- Engage in thoughtful discussions of Diasporic music in written form and in film.
- Apply and hone skills in the areas of engaged and critical reading, writing, and thinking, and in active listening and articulate speaking.

INTRODUCTION

This course examines a range of popular music from the 20th century that have emerged in conjunction with the global spread of peoples and cultures from the African continent. With a view of the African Diaspora as a product and process of circum-Atlantic flows (or transatlantic circulations) we will examine the African continental heritage and the early “New World” experiences of slavery; popular music in the United States and the Caribbean (particularly Jamaica); and then the Diasporic reconnections with the African continent. Musical forms/styles in our focus will include blues, mento, ska, rocksteady, reggae, calypso, soca, highlife, hip-life, kwato and Afrobeat. Our approaches to these will be historical, cultural and critical/political.

This course will not have a traditional lecture format. Rather students will collectively and actively participate in the thoughtful discussion of readings and films viewed. We will strive to create a sense of community in which each and every one of us is recognized as a student, teacher, and scholar with individual ideas and insights worth exploring. The assigned readings, writings, and other activities planned for this course are intended to hone students’ skills in the
areas of engaged and critical reading, writing, and thinking, and in active listening and articulate speaking – all skills that are important in the broader academic and professional worlds.

REQUIREMENTS

Class Attendance
Your daily attendance is required. See TAMU Student Rule 7 for details regarding excused absences: http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07. You begin the semester with 100 pts. You will be allowed two unexcused absences without penalty. Each unexcused absence after this will result in the lowering of your course grade by one letter grade. Example: If you have three unexcused absences at the end of the term and have a course average of B, your final course grade will be C.

Participation
Your full and enthusiastic participation in class discussion sessions is required. Such participation is part of your daily grade. Overall consistent quality participation may earn you additional points. Classes will often involve collective discussion of assigned materials, sometimes under the guidance of the instructor and at other times under the facilitation of one or more students. For this format to work, all students must come to class having read the assigned reading and prepared to discuss it and to ask and answer questions of each other as well as the instructor. While assessment of your participation will depend heavily on your regular constructive verbal contributions to discussions, in recognition of the fact that individual students have different participation styles, the following will also be taken into account: active and respectful listening to fellow classmates and instructor; partner and small group conversations; and appropriate use of office hours and e-mail to address questions, confusions, or thoughts relating to specific readings, to assignments, or to the course in general. "Ad hoc" assignments announced throughout the semester will form part of your participation.

Reading/Viewing Reaction Papers
Required readings for this class will be available electronically or given as handouts. Reading assignments are listed under the date on which they will be discussed, so students are expected to read the assignments before coming to class on that date. Handouts may not be listed. If not listed it is likely to be something short and easy to read. We will complement our readings with viewings of documentary and feature films. I may assign "OC" (out of class) viewings for each of which you could be asked to write a one page viewing reaction paper. Viewings tagged "IC" (in class) will take place during the class session. Over the course of the semester each student will write up to 10 reading-reaction papers (RRP) based on assigned readings. These papers should be between 1.5 and 2 pages long, double spaced in 12 point Times New Roman, with 1" margins around the page. The papers should not be mere descriptions or summaries but rather your individual reactions to the readings/films. This means an expression of your opinions, confusions, insights, critiques, questions, etc. It almost goes without saying that they should not contain off-topic ruminations. You are not required to write a reading-reaction paper for the week you facilitate a discussion. This exception does not apply to the viewing-reaction papers. A reaction paper is due in class on the day the reading/film is listed unless you are informed otherwise. A late RRP will be penalized with a 10 point reduction for each class day late (i.e. 20 point reduction for second class day late, and so on). You are exempt from a reaction paper on the day/s you are a discussion facilitator.
Discussion facilitation
Each student will serve as a discussion facilitator once during the semester. Facilitators must submit a list of 3-5 main points/arguments in the assigned readings, a list of 3-5 questions for discussion, and a copy of their presentation outline. All these three items should be handed to Dr. Donkor at the beginning of class on the day of facilitation. The student-facilitator also has to make the questions available to the rest of the class—either as a hardcopy or in electronic (power point or word) form for projection.

Midterm Exam
You will write take-home midterm exam (120 pts) covering readings/films from the first day of class to mid-semester. Midterms submitted late will be penalized with a 10 point reduction for each class day late (i.e. 20 point reduction for second class day late, and so on).

Final Exams
You will also write a final take-home exam covering readings/films/plays from mid to end of semester. Exams submitted late will be penalized with a 5 point reduction for each day late (i.e. 10 point reduction for second day late, and so on)

Course related announcements and info
You are required to check your e-learning daily for announcements and course related information that I might send you. You are also required to see a production of My Children My Africa in conjunction with our discussion of post apartheid Kwaito Music. You will receive information about Performance Studies and Africana Studies programs, some of which you may attend for extra credit.

Percentage Distribution

1. Participation------------------10% (100pts)
2. Discussion Facilitation--------10% (100pts)
3. Reaction Papers----------------40% (400pts)
4. Midterm Exam-----------------20% (200pts)
5. Final Exam--------------------20% (200pts)

EVALUATION and ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
900–1000 POINTS (90%) = A
800–899 POINTS (80%) = B
700–799 POINTS (70%) = C
600–699 POINTS (60%) = D
599 POINT or less = F

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EMAIL POLICY
In all cases I shall strive towards, but cannot assure, a response to your emails in 24 hours. Barring unforeseen circumstances I will respond to your emails within 2 days of receipt.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA) POLICY STATEMENT
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, in Cain Hall, Room B118, or call 845-1637. For additional information, visit http://disability.tamu.edu/.

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**Thu 2/3**


**THE MAKING OF A DIASPORA**

**WEEK FOUR**

**Tue 2/8**


**Thu 2/10**


**AFRICAN AMERICAN BLUES: THE BEGINNINGS**

**WEEK FIVE**

**Tue 2/15**


**Tue 2/17**


2. Jahn, Janheinz, “From Blues—the Conflict of Cultures” in *WMAFOYL*, 28-31


### WEEK SIX

**Tue 2/22**
- View (IC) *Nobody Knows My Name*, Unleashed Entertainment, written, produced and directed by Rachel Raimist. New York, NY, Women Make Movies [1999].

**Thu 2/24**

### APPROPRIATIONS/ “MAINSTREAMING?”

### WEEK SEVEN

**Tue 3/1**
- View (IC): *Crossing Over*, script & direction by Christopher Laird, Wallace Bampoe-Addo; producer, Christopher Laird; National Film & Television Institute of Ghana and Banyan. Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago: Banyan Archives, [1988]

**Thu 3/3**

### WEEK EIGHT

**Tue 3/8**

**Thu 3/10**
- View (IC) *Caribbean Crucible* Third Eye Productions for Channel Four in association with RM Arts; producer, Penny Corke ; directed by Dennis Marks. Publisher: Princeton, NJ: Films for the Humanities & Sciences, [2003]
SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES

Tue 3/15 No Class
Thu 3/17 No Class

REGGAE, RASTAS AND THE GLOBAL MARLEY

WEEK NINE
Tue 3/22
   View: Land of Look Behind

Thu 3/24

HIGHLIFE—WEST AFRICAN REPERCUSSIONS

WEEK TEN

Tue 3/29

Thu 3/31

GLOBAL HIP-HOP: AFRICAN REINVENTIONS

WEEK ELEVEN

Tue 4/5
View (IC) Living the Hiplife, Coltan Media; Evidence Films; producer-director, Jesse Weaver Shipley. Ed New York: Third World Newsreel [2007].
Thu 4/7


SOUL TO SOUL: CIRCUMATLANTIC CONNECTIONS

WEEK TWELVE

Tue 4/12
- View: Soul to Soul

Thu 4/14
- View: *A History of Soul*
  Attend My Children My Africa

MUSIC AFTER APARTHEID: KWAITO!

WEEK THIRTEEN

Tue 4/19
- View/Listen: TBA

Thu 4/21

BLACK POWER: FELA’S AFROBEAT

WEEK FOURTEEN

Tue 4/26
View: *Music is the Weapon*

Thu 4/28

EXAM WEEK

Tue 5/3
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Performance Studies

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PERF 327  

$^a$ Cross-listed as AFST/MUSC/PERF 327

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n/a

4. Complete course title:  

Popular Musics in the African Diaspora

5. Semester credit hours:  

3

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- [ ] Communication  
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- [✓] Yes  
- [ ] No  

$^t$ Approved 10/14/2013. FS.31.79

8. How frequently will the class be offered?  

Once every year (previously spring, now moved to fall)

9. Number of class sections per semester:  

1

10. Number of students per semester:  

Capacity significantly raised to 96 as of fall 2014

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This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

12. Submitted by:  

[Signature] for David Donkor

13. Course Instructor

Approvals:  

[Signature]

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[Signature]

15. College Dean/Designee

[Signature]

Date  

July 30, 2014

[Signature]  

Date

August 4, 2014

Note: in 2011–12 and 12–13, we needed the instructor to focus on our newly launched MA program. This was an anomaly; we will be able to continue offer this course annually.

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See form instructions for submission/approval process.
Texas A&M University
Core Curriculum
Initial Request for a Course Addition to the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts

In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Creative Arts. Courses in this category focus on appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of human imagination. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.

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Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

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Department of Performance Studies
AFST/MUSC/PERF 327 Popular Musics in the Africa Diaspora
Request for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) Designation

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SPRING 2011
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Office Hours: Wed 2pm-4pm or by appointment
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

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2. Course prefix and number: KINE 311

3. Texas Common Course Number: [Click here to enter text.]

4. Complete course title: Fundamental Rhythms and Dance

5. Semester credit hours: 3

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   - [X] Creative Arts
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   - [ ] American History
   - [ ] Life and Physical Sciences
   - [ ] Government/Political Science
   - [ ] Language, Philosophy and Culture
   - [ ] Social and Behavioral Sciences

7. This course should also be considered for International and Cultural Diversity (ICD) designation:
   - [ ] Yes
   - [X] No

8. How frequently will the class be offered? Every fall and spring semesters

9. Number of class sections per semester: 1

10. Number of students per semester: 30


This completed form must be attached to a course syllabus that sufficiently and specifically details the appropriate core objectives through multiple lectures, outside activities, assignments, etc. Representative from department submitting request should be in attendance when considered by the Core Curriculum Council.

12. Submitted by:
    Course Instructor: [Signature] Date: 9/8/14

13. Approvals:
    [Signature] Date

14. Department Head: [Signature] Date: 9/29/14

15. College Dean/Designee: [Signature] Date

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Core Curriculum

Initial Request for a Course Addition to the Fall 2014 Core Curriculum

Foundational Component Area: Creative Arts

In the box below, describe how this course meets the Foundational Component Area description for Creative Arts. Courses in this category focus on appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of human imagination. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.

The proposed course must contain all elements of the Foundational Component Area. How does the proposed course specifically address the Foundational Component Area definition above?

Kine 311 fits into the creative arts foundational component area because of the focus on dance appreciation, analysis of performance, audience etiquette, understanding of diverse cultural forms, and developing creative dance products. Students have an intimate experience with dance by participating in dance making, and dance appreciation by analyzing performances by professional and amateur performers. Students study foundations of creative dance, rhythms, International folk dance and square dance by participating in a variety of dance activities to develop appreciation and by preparing lessons to teach the content in each of these areas.

Core Objectives

Describe how the proposed course develops the required core objectives below by indicating how each learning objective will be addressed, what specific strategies will be used for each objective and how student learning of each objective will be evaluated.

The proposed course is required to contain each element of the Core Objective.

Critical Thinking (to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information):

Students create two original works during the semester (both evaluated for creative thinking, and innovation). They analyze live dance performances using the framework of movement elements and aesthetic principles to evaluate dance performances. This ability is demonstrated through a written document which requires rich description of two different dances, an analysis of the movement elements shown and a connection to aesthetics. The ability to understand the cultural and historical context of dance and its various forms, is demonstrated by students planning for and teaching dances from other cultures. The teaching experiences in the class require them to synthesize information into a cogent plan which they execute. The teaching and plan are both evaluated as part of their teaching grade.

Communication (to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication):

Students communicate through movement by creating works designed to demonstrate the interpretation and expression of ideas, themes or stories. Each choreographed work (2) is evaluated for creativity and visual aesthetics using a rubric. Students demonstrate the ability to communicate in writing through the analysis assignment in which they provide descriptions of two different dances delineating movement elements and analyzing the performances for aesthetic appeal. Finally students communicate orally by creating a square dance call and demonstrating it with music while their classmates dance it. Through the communication required in the class students develop an appreciation for the various forms of dance included in the course.

Teamwork (to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal):
Students have several opportunities to develop teamwork in the course. They work in pairs or small groups to create two different dances. This requires meeting in and outside of class and helping each other to create movement sequences to include in a complete work that meets the criteria of aesthetically pleasing. A supportive climate is necessary for the students to collaboratively produce a complete work made up of several sequences to which each member of the team must contribute. The works are evaluated by a rubric in which coordination with others is a component. Students are required to develop a lesson plan with a partner for teaching a folk dance to school-aged children. In this assignment they must establish roles and responsibilities and then execute their plan for a grade. The plan and the teaching of it are both evaluated using a rubric. During the skills tests for Folk dance and square dance students are encouraged to help their classmates be successful by discussing criteria and reviewing the fundamentals required in their demonstration of skill. Students are tested in groups so they can help each other. The class climate is established to be supportive and not competitive.

Social Responsibility (to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities):

Within this class students study folk dance from around the world. They research the country of origin and how specific dance styles and movements are connected to geography, the culture of the country and region. They develop a global perspective of historical context and how the development of dance in different regions of the world occurred. Additionally they must identify how dances from around the world are used to promote the understanding of the global community. During the semester students are required to attend a live performance and are provided guidelines for audience etiquette in a social setting. Students are evaluated on their understanding of this information in the personal response section of their dance analysis assignment, on exams and through class discussions.

Please be aware that instructors should be prepared to submit samples/examples of student work as part of the future course recertification process.
FUNDAMENTAL RHYTHMS AND DANCE
KINE 311 Semester XXXX
12:40-1:30 MWF

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Phone  845-2063
E-Mail  swagner@tamu.edu
Office Hours:  M, W, F- 10-11. Other hours are available by appointment.
Handouts:  Handouts can be downloaded from:  https://courses.education.tamu.edu
Meeting Place:  Classroom – SREC 281
                     Dance Studio – 211 PEAP

Purpose:  The purpose of this class is to develop the requisite dance skills and
appreciation in creativity, rhythms, folk, and square dance necessary to be an effective
dance teacher and to appreciate dance as an art form.  A basic understanding of how to
teach the various dance components, to different levels of learners will be enhanced.  The
student will develop a greater appreciation for dance and feel more comfortable teaching
dance as a result of this class.

Learning Outcomes:  By the end of the semester students will be able to:
   •  Incorporate the elements of movement, aesthetic principles and music into
      a creative choreography.
   •  Demonstrate selected folk dances and square dance movements with
      appropriate music.
   •  Teach a folk dance and call a square dance.
   •  Model the learning process used in dance and describe the seven cross-
      disciplinary categories relevant to teaching dance.
   •  Use language and the three stages of learning to create developmentally
      appropriate lessons in dance.
   •  Identify characteristics of learners based on age and cultural orientation
      that will indicate approaches to teaching based on their unique needs.
   •  Describe the characteristics of the 4 dance form categories, and relate
      choreographic and aesthetic principles to dance making and appreciation.
   •  Explain how history impacts dance education in all of the 4 dance form
      categories.
   •  Demonstrate analysis skills directly related to dance appreciation.

Dress:  Wear activity clothes.  Be ready to dance every day.

Grading:  Written Exams (3)  16.6% each
          Skills  20%
          Teaching and Square Call  20%
          2 Analysis charts  10%

Exams:  The three exams are independent of one another and comprise the major portion
of the grade in the course.  Information from the text, lectures, and the web will be
included on the exams.  Though many classes will be activity oriented there will be brief
lectures for which it is a good idea to take notes when in the gym.
Skills: There will be 4 skill evaluations. A creative dance choreography, a rhythmic dance choreography, a folk dance demonstration, and a square dance demonstration will all be evaluated.

Teaching and Square Call: You will prepare a handout for and teach one folk dance to the class. You will be required to create and call a square dance.

Analysis charts: An important part of learning dance is performance or sharing. It is important that you develop analysis skills that will enable you to appreciate your own work and the work of others. On Moodle there is an analysis chart to facilitate your observation. By the end of the semester you will turn in two charts completed (in Moodle assignment tool on opening page of website). These must be of a live performance viewed this semester outside of class. The performances you analyze must be from this semester and should be documented with date, location and time. Late submissions will lose 10 points for lateness. Submissions over a week late will not be accepted and will receive a 0.

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected. The penalty for missing class will be that you will have difficulty completing the skill portion of the course. No skill or exam make ups will be given without a University excused absence. Illness confirmation must be obtained congruent with student rule 7.1.6.2b. Rule 7.1.6.3 states that “An absence for a non acute medical service does not constitute an excused absence.” Please abide by this definition. It means that Dr. Appointments for purposes other than illness are not excused absences.

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Academic Integrity

*The handouts used in this course are copyrighted. By 'handouts,' I mean all materials generated for this class, which include but are not limited to syllabi, quizzes, exams, lab problems, in-class materials, review sheets, and additional problem sets. Because these materials are copyrighted, you do not have the right to copy the handouts, unless I expressly grant permission.

As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of passing off as one's own the ideas, words, writings, etc., which belong to another. In accordance with this definition, you are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you should have the permission of that person. Plagiarism is one of the worst academic sins, for the plagiarist destroys the trust among colleagues without which research cannot be safely communicated.

If you have any questions regarding plagiarism, please consult the latest issue of the Texas A&M University Student Rules, under the section "Scholastic Dishonesty."

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