

MEMT 463: Influence of Music on Behavior
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Course Meetings: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00-3:15 p.m.
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Required Text: Farinella, M. & Roš, H. (2013). *Neurocomic*. London: Nobrow Press.

Pinel, J.P.J. & Edwards, M. (2008). *A Colorful Introduction to the Anatomy of the Human Brain* (2nd ed.). Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Additional readings will be assigned by the instructor and selected by the students over the course of the semester to supplement the texts. Assigned readings will be accessible online, on Blackboard, or in the music library.

Recommended Text: *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th edition (2nd printing)

Course Rationale: This is an introductory course on the cognitive neuroscience of music that explores a basic understanding of neurological music foundations to inform the therapeutic function of music as a mechanism for change in human behavior.

Professional Integrity: Mutual respect and a non-judgmental attitude are essential to the learning environment of this class and overall professional integrity. This applies to class preparation, in-class discussions & participation, and the use of technology in the classroom. Technology is to be used in a manner related to course content that is respectful and professional to instructors and fellow students. Phone calls and text messaging during class time is not an acceptable form of professional integrity.

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Course Objectives: Course objectives focus on the acquisition of knowledge of neurological processes of musical characteristics and application to therapeutic outcomes. Corresponding ATMA Professional Competency (see <http://www.musictherapy.org/about/competencies/>) and CBMT Scope of Practice (see <http://www.cbmt.org/>) are indicated.

1. Articulate the relationship between brain structures, function and the role of music to facilitate human behavioral & functional outcomes. (AMTA Competency: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 18.2; CBMT Scope: I.A.13, 14, 15; I.C.14; II.A.5.a, b)
2. Use evidence-based research to create a theoretical basis to inform the effective purpose and description of the musical characteristics for therapeutic outcomes (AMTA Competency: 1.2, 14.5, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 18.2, 19.3; CBMT Scope: I.A.13, 14, 15; I.C.14; II.A.5.a, b)
3. To develop critical thinking and articulation of scholarly thought on the influence of music on human behavior, in both oral and written forms. (AMTA Competency: 22.3, 22.7, 25.3, 25.4)
4. Use the terminology to describe and apply brain function and music to a clinical problem (AMTA Competency: 15.14, 15.5, 15.6, 18.2; CBMT Scope: I.A.13, 14, 15; I.C.14; II.A.5.a, b)

Course Assessment:

Preparation & Participation: It is expected that each student will read the required readings prior to attending class. Students will also be expected to prepare their selected readings in order to demonstrate knowledge, thoughtful consideration, and critical analysis of the content so that other students can be adequately informed. Individual assignments and collaborative learning opportunities will occur across the semester. Participation is critical to the learning of all students and active engagement is expected. (Obj. 1-4)

Research Citations: Each student will access and review research articles related to topics being discussed in class. Students will provide a brief oral synopsis of their reviewed study and discuss how the information informs or applies to music as a therapeutic mechanism for behavioral change (e.g. music therapy students would relate the article to the clinical practice of music therapy). Students will type a one-page summary and post it to Blackboard for other students' to reference. Specific guidelines will be provided. (Obj. 2 & 3)

Current Events: Students will select one current event (article, video, podcast, or news clip) related to course topics and will present a brief overview of the current event and how it is, or may be, relevant and/or related to course topics **on an assigned class date**. Based on the current event, a question will be posed by the student presenter for small group discussion. Presentation & discussion will occur in the first 5 minutes of class. Any change in the assigned current event presentation date will be at the discretion of the instructor. (Obj. 1, 3 & 4)

Current Events Position Paper: Students will select a current event (one previously presented or another of interest) and critically appraise it's quality and accuracy. Students will write a 2-page position paper that demonstrates a reasoned defense or critique of the current event. Position papers will be peer and instructor reviewed and evaluated. (Obj. 1-4)

Quizzes & Exams: Periodic quizzes and exams will be given based on course content from readings, class lectures, discussions and blogs. Students will be informed of exams in advance. (Obj. 1- 4)

Therapeutic Function of Music Application: Students will begin the semester by illustrating the Therapeutic Function of Music (TFM) Worksheet for their clinical practicum placement. Over the course of the semester, students will apply course content to identify a neurological theoretical framework to inform intentional application to music-based intervention. Students will present the synthesis of their TFM and an example of an intervention strategy designed from the TFM. (Obj. 1-4)

Assignment Policy: *All written assignments must be typed in Microsoft Word. If a hard copy is requested it must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Due dates for course readings and assessment will be provided on the unit calendar; however, dates may be subject to change and will be verified in class. All paperwork, assignments and exams are expected at the start of class on the due date without exception. **Late assignments will not be accepted and automatically result in a zero for that assignment.***

Attendance Policy: Attendance at all scheduled classes is expected. This course is structured to be cumulative and collaborative. Therefore, students are allocated only **two** absences from class during the semester. Each additional absence will result in a 5% deduction from the student's final grade and in a meeting with the instructor(s), at which point the student may be asked to withdraw from class. It is the student's responsibility to access any information missed from an absence.

Point Distribution:

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| Preparation & Participation | 20% |
| Research Citations | 20% |
| Current Events | 5% |
| Current Event Position Paper | 15% |
| Quizzes & Exams | 10% |
| Therapeutic Function of Music | 30% |

Grading Scale:

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| 100-95 = A | 94-90 = A- | |
| 89-87 = B+ | 86-83 = B | 82-80 = B- |
| 79-77 = C+ | 76-73 = C | 72-70 = C- |
| 69-67 = D+ | 66-63 = D | 62-60 = D- |
| <60 = F | | |