Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:50, CGC 1302
Instructor: Dr. John Brownell, CGC 1113, jbrownel@uwaterloo.ca or LEARN mail
Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00-9:50, 11:30-12:50, or by appointment

Required Materials: available at the UW bookstore (also on reserve: CGC library)

The text includes three bundled CDs.

Miller, Terry and Andrew Shahriari

Supplementary materials are available at www.routledge.com/cw/miller

There is a course website on LEARN. All assignments, listening lists, lecture notes, test results and other information of note will be posted there. Stay tuned.

Description:

The field of ethnomusicology has been described as the study of music in culture and music as culture. This course is a broad survey of music as a global cultural phenomenon.

Topics will include: a survey of the general characteristics of music in a variety of geographic areas, the role of music and musicians, functions of music, “theories” of music, performance contexts, issues of identity, appropriation, and commodification, and the impact of technology.

Evaluation and Assignments:

Quiz #1 7.5%
Quiz #2 7.5%
Assignment #1 10%
Assignment #2 10%
Midterm test 25%
World Music Concert/Event Review 10% TBA
Final Exam 30% TBA

OR

You can choose to write a research paper in lieu of the final exam on an approved topic. Requirements: 3000 words (approximately 15 pages, double spaced, 12 CPI). Paper proposals must be submitted by March 12 (even earlier is better). The proposal should include a research topic, a brief bibliography, and a proposed methodology. The paper will be due on the final exam date.

An important goal of Music 245 is to develop listening and analytical skills that expand the conventional “toolbox” of Europe-derived music theory. In this context, many audio and video
examples will be listened to and discussed in class.

For testing purposes (Quizzes 1 and 2, midterm, and final), you will only be asked to identify examples that are on the CD set that accompanies the text. Other examples may be played on a test/quiz but you will only be asked general questions about these.

**Attendance, Due dates, and Penalties:** All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the day indicated on the class schedule. Work submitted late without a medical certificate will lose 10% for every week or portion of a week it is late up to a maximum of 30%. After three weeks or once work is graded and returned to class (whichever comes first), late work will not be accepted. In exceptional, non-medical circumstances, requests for an extension should be made in writing for consideration well in advance of the due date.

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**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity [check www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/] to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71, Student Discipline, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm. For typical penalties check Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/guidelines/penaltyguidelines.htm.

**Appeals:** A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 (Student Petitions and Grievances) (other than a petition) or Policy 71 (Student Discipline) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72 (Student Appeals) www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm. Note for Students with Disabilities: The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.

**Counseling Services:** Counseling Services provides free confidential counseling, in both individual and group sessions, with qualified professionals to help registered students, faculty and staff with personal concerns, educational career decisions, and strategies to studies and exams. The UW Counseling Services web site is www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infocs or contact Lorraine Nesbitt, Administrative Assistant at lnesbitt@uwaterloo.ca, ext. 33528, NH Room 2080. 2