

Sarasota Military Academy
Music Appreciation Course Description
Objectives and Expectations
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Objective:

To enable cadets to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and appreciate how music is used in one's personal life as well as in varied cultures, societies and historical time periods.

Teaching and Learning:

Understanding the development and history of American music (country, blues, gospel, folk, jazz, latin, pop, rock and roll, the Great American Songbook, the "Classic Albums" series, etc.) as well as hands-on application of sound analysis and identification, education of recording equipment, and fundamental recording techniques are just a few of the areas of emphasis.

Materials Utilized:

Microphones
Mic cables
Speakers
Various sound sources
Various recording handouts
A number of DVD's for learning reinforcement
A field trip, when available, to "Audio Images Recording Studio" in Bradenton

Assessment Methods:

A variety of assessment methods will be utilized in this class and will include, but will not be limited to: tests on sound engineering (mixing) and terminology, tests on American music history and related events, personalities, etc. as well as employability skills (these include attendance, punctuality, appropriate dress, attitude, cooperation and being prepared for class), "word of the week" weekly summaries, etc.

Grading Scale:

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-0	F