

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number: MUS 121      Credits: 3**

**Course Title:**

- Identify instruments from the basic instrument groups (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, keyboard) as well as vocal timbres

#### Structures of Music

- Demonstrate understanding of basic forms and structures of music, e.g., binary and ternary forms, sonata form, theme and variations
- Recognize the form of a given piece of music

#### Historical Periods and Composers

- Demonstrate knowledge of distinguishing aspects of music history periods
- Identify various composers and their works
- Recognize historical-social context of each music history period

### **Major Topics to be Included**

- Personal Development
- Elements of Music
- Building Blocks of Sound
- Structures of Music
- Historical Periods and Composers

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