

Western University, Canada
Don Wright Faculty of Music
9594b: Performance Research II

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Course Objectives:

- Students will continue to become familiar with the scholarship associated with performance research.
 - They will become acquainted with the scholarly discourse on the history and practice of performance through weekly reading and discussing of relevant journal articles.
 - They will develop strong, clear writing.
 - They will gain confidence in their own contributions as professional musicians.

Required Texts:

There are no required texts for this course. However, students are strongly advised to own a style guide (for example: Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*. 7th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.) All readings will be provided in class, on OWL, and in a binder in the music library on 2-hour reserve.

Evaluation:

- Attendance in class: 10% (unexplained / unexcused absence = 1% detracted)
- Attendance / Contribution at Article Discussion Group Preparation Meeting x 3: 5% x 3 = 15%
- Leadership of one article discussion: 15%
- TWO write-ups as respondent: 5% x 2 = 10%
- ONE write-up from the perspective of the LEADER of the discussion (approx. 500 words): 25%
- ONE write-up of article for which you were not involved in the presentation group (approx. 500 w): 25%

Scholastic offences, including plagiarism, are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic offence, as found at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

As part of a successful graduate student experience at Western, we encourage students to make their health and wellness a priority. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help students achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing a graduate degree. Students seeking help regarding mental health concerns are advised to speak to someone in whom they feel comfortable confiding, such as a faculty supervisor, a program advisor, or the Associate Dean (Graduate Studies). Campus mental health resources may be found at http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/resources.html

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