

Choosing an Elective

You need one more three-hour nontechnical course to fulfill your degree requirements. Up-on reviewing the course offerings and the time you have available, you note the following options:



- Music 101 Music Appreciation - 2 hours
- Art 101 Art Appreciation - 3 hours
- History 201 U.S. History; Civil War to Present - 3 hours
- Art 203 Photography - 3 hours
- Geology 101 Introductory to Geology - 3 hours
- Music 205 Piano Performance - 2 hours

Music 101 involves much time outside of class listening to classical music. The student reaction to the class was mixed; some students learned what to listen for in a symphony, while others did not. The teacher for this class is knowledgeable but boring.

Art 101 has the students learn the names of the great masters and how to recognize their works. The lecturer is exceptionally dull, and you must go to class to see the slides of the great artworks. While the course write-up looks good, it misses the mark in developing a genuine appreciation of art. However, it is pretty easy to get a relatively good course grade.

History 201 has an outstanding lecturer that makes history come alive. However, the lecturer is a hard grader, and C is the median grade. In addition, outside reading and homework are enormous. While some students say the workload is equivalent to a five-hour course, almost all say they learned a great deal from the course and plan to continue the interest in history they developed during this course.

Art 203 teaches the fundamentals of photography. However, the equipment and film for the course are pretty expensive. Most of the time spent on the course is outside class, looking for artistic shots. The instructor is very demanding and bases his grade on artistic ability. Some students say that no matter how hard you work if you don't develop a "photographic eye," you might not pass the course.

Geology 101 has a moderately exciting lecturer and average homework assignments. Two major out-of-town field trips require you to miss one week of class during the term. The average grade is B, and nothing is conceptually complicated or memorable about the course.

Music 205 requires you to pass a tryout to be admitted to the class. While you only spend 1/2 hour a week with your professor, many hours of practice are required. You must have a significant talent to get a C or better.

Musts	Music 101	Art 101	HIST 101	Art 203	GEOL 101	Music 205
3 credits						
inexpensive						
Wants	Wt.	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Good grade						
Interesting						
Low time						
Totals						