

## **MUS 716 – Music Streaming Services**

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**Review music streaming services, e.g. Pandora and Spotify to name just a few. First read recent online critiques. Download or bookmark the two you deem best and begin enjoying streaming music. Some are free (with ads) while others have a free trial. During the final week of class we will compare our experiences.**

### **Spotify**

Generally considered the best streaming service available

Very accessible (web player, Chrombook, Linux, Mac, Windows, iOS, Android)

Collaborative playlists

Ability to play podcasts

Free (ad-supported), or \$9.99/month for premium membership

Does not offer Hi res audio

### **iHeartRadio**

Offers live, free radio streams

Free, \$4.99, and \$9.99/month plans. Playlist creation only in the \$9.99 plan

Solid podcast offering

No hi res audio, but on par with other providers

### **YouTube Music**

Music only (no podcasts, no news, no weather, no live radio)

Collaborative playlists

You can search for songs by the lyrics

No hi res audio, but higher quality than other streaming services

### **Pandora**

Free (ad-supported), \$4.99/month (ad-free), or \$9.99/month (playlist building, other features)

Does not offer hi res audio

Website was not working well when I tried it

Very accessible (Android, Android Wear, Apple Watch, Fitbit, iOS, Kindle Fire, Mac, Nook, and Windows)

Ability to play podcasts