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# MUSC2116

Sound, Society and Self in World Music

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## Course Overview

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The School of the Arts and Media would like to Respectfully Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Bedegal (Kensington campus), Gadigal (City and Art & Design Campuses) and the Ngunnawal people (Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra) of the lands where each campus of UNSW is located.

## Course Details

### Credit Points 6

### Summary of the Course

Subject Area: *Music*

Music is part of the life of people everywhere, and as George Eliot once said, there is no feeling, except the extremes of fear and grief, that does not find relief in music. Universal though these truths might appear to be, the various musical expressions of the world's peoples are as diverse, unique, and sometimes strange, as the natural and cultural worlds that make them. Today we can access that musical diversity easily. We can buy it, download it, iPod it. But just how much do we know about the peoples, histories, sentiments, and lives of the musicians and singers that produce this music? How much do we grasp the beauty, the yearning, and the spirituality in that music? What can we learn that will deepen our appreciation, understanding, and perhaps performance of the many musical expressions available to us today?

This World Music course surveys and examines the relationships between music, the society in which it is performed, and individual selves. It explores both traditional and contemporary music of Aboriginal Australia, South-east Asia, India, Central Asia and the Middle East, West Africa and the Caribbean, and marginal Europe. It examines how musical practices express, shape, and allow for the individual and collective construction and negotiation of identity, ethnicity, gender, spirituality and class. It investigates how transformations in music both as social practice and as sound chart responses to modernity, state intervention, globalisation, conflict, dispossession and migration. The course also fosters direct experience of music in diverse cultural contexts through field work.

### Course Learning Outcomes

1. Locate diverse genres of world music within historical, socio-cultural, and global contexts.
2. Recognize diverse genres of world music on basis of their aesthetic differences.
3. Analyse world music, in terms of sound, text, and performative dimensions, as social and cultural behaviour.

### Teaching Strategies

Students attend a weekly two-hour lecture and one-hour tutorial. Lectures are augmented with videos, film, slides, sound recordings, and powerpoint presentations. Tutorials involve discussions of readings, aural analysis of selected musical examples, demonstrations, and hands-on practical work. Set readings and listening requiring students responses will be directed towards historical, social, cultural, and aesthetic differences in the world music genres studied. Students will maintain a reflective journal or blog to record their responses to set readings and listening and record the processes involved in the ethnographic team research project. This project will require students to collaborate on investigating and documenting community-based music-making in multi-cultural contexts in Sydney.

# Assessment

## Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Ethnographic research project/presentation	40%	03/12/2019 05:00 PM	1,2,3
Discussion blog	30%	Not Applicable	1,2,3
Listening Test	30%	Not Applicable	1,2,3

## Assessment Details

### Assessment 1: Ethnographic research project/presentation

**Start date:**

**Details:** In groups of 4-5 students students must complete two components – a research report worth 20% (min. 2000 words) and an oral presentation (15 mins) worth 20%. Students will be provided with written feedback online after submission of the research report.

**Turnitin setting:** This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students do not see Turnitin similarity reports.

### Assessment 2: Discussion blog

**Start date:** Not Applicable

**Length:** 500 words

**Details:** Students will be required to submit three blogs of 500 words each at times specified. Students will be given feedback on blogs after they have been posted.

**Additional details:**

You will be required to submit three blogs of 500 words each at times specified below via Turnitin. Please ensure that you read the submission instructions, rubrics and deadlines posted on Moodle carefully; extensions will not be granted. You will be given feedback on your blog submissions after they have been posted and marked. These blogs are intended to focus your attention on the content and context of particular genres or styles of music to help prepare you for the listening tests.

**Turnitin setting:** This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students do not see Turnitin similarity reports.

### Assessment 3: Listening Test

**Start date:** Not Applicable

**Details:** This assessment task consists of two tests of equal weighting. Tests will be 30 mins each in

duration. This is the final assessment task. Test papers will be returned with marks and comments as necessary.

## Attendance Requirements

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes and review lecture recordings.

## Course Schedule

[View class timetable](#)

### Timetable

Date	Type	Content
Week 1: 16 September - 20 September		<p>L1. Introduction: Studying &amp; listening to world music; music &amp; society. Ethnographic Methods. Music and hybridity, music and identity. Other concepts: cultural relativism, multiculturalism, cosmopolitanism, interculturalism, social function, selfhood. Tutorial readings will be announced in the lectures</p> <p>T1. Discussion of methods &amp; concepts, and group research projects. Research project group self-selection to be finalized by students. Discussion of potential research projects.</p>
Week 2: 23 September - 27 September		<p>L2. The Black Atlantic 1 – Traditional Music from Ghana &amp; Senegal 1. Introduction to West African musics. Ghanaian traditions: Ewe Gahu &amp; Dagaaba Bawaa 2. Mandinka traditions: Djembe &amp; Sabar</p> <p>T2. Proposed research topics to be finalized at the tutorial. A list of research groups and their membership will be posted on Moodle. Discussion of blog 1. Practical workshop: Understanding and playing African polyrhythms; two against three pattern; 12/8 bell patterns.</p>
Week 3: 30 September - 4 October		<p>L3. The Black Atlantic 2 - Contemporary music from Ghana &amp; Senegal 1. Ghanaian Highlife 2. Senegalese Mbalax</p> <p>T3. Research topics and contacts with research subjects finalized. Each group reports. How to write research abstracts. Discussion of Blog 2. Review selections from Fela Kuti film.</p>
Week 4: 7 October - 11 October		<p>L4. The Iberian Peninsula (Spain): Music of the dispossessed (flamenco)</p> <p>T4. Brief report on research progress. Discussion of Blog 3 Listening to and identifying flamenco rhythms and forms.</p>
Week 5: 14 October - 18		L5. The Iberian Peninsula (Portugal): Music of the

October		dispossessed (fado)  <b>Listening Test 1.</b>  T5. Brief report on research progress. Discussion of Blog 3 Listening to and identifying flamenco rhythms and forms.
Week 6: 21 October - 25 October		Reading Week
Week 7: 28 October - 1 November		L6. The Black Atlantic (Cuba) The Cuban son complex (son, mambo, timba)  t6. Submission (Oct 28, 11:55pm) and discussion of 400-word research abstracts. Analysis of fado form. Discussion of Blog 4
Week 8: 4 November - 8 November		L7. The Black Atlantic (Brazil) Candomble, samba & tropicalia  T7. Practical workshop: understanding and playing the son and rumba clave.
Week 9: 11 November - 15 November		L8. The Gong Chimes of Southeast Asia: The Indonesian gamelan  T8. Understanding and playing samba batucada rhythms.
Week 10: 18 November - 22 November		Listening Test 2 (during scheduled lecture time) L9. The Gong Chimes of Southeast Asia: The Indonesian gamelan  T9. Research project presentation roundtable
Week 11: 25 November - 29 November		Tuesday 26 - Ethnographic project presentations from 9am

# Resources

## Prescribed Resources

Prescribed Resources There is a Resources section in Moodle that contains the following: A. Resources for mandatory course listening and reading: 1. Reading list using Leganto. This enables easy access to all course materials on any device, through a single, intuitive user interface. 2. Listening List. This enables access to all AV materials used in the lectures. 3. Music Glossary. This valuable resource provides definitions and links to other resources, where appropriate, of key terms and concepts used in the course. It is strongly recommended that you consult this list. B. Films with links to online viewing: 1. Buena Vista Social Club 2. Orfeu Negro 3. Capas Negras C. Performance Resources: 1. Gangokui 12-pulse seven stroke pattern 2. Son clave 3. Salsa 4. Samba batucada 5. Balinese gamelan: gilak topeng 6. Balinese gamelan: gilak baris 7. downloadable scores of the above There is a Listening Activities section in Moodle that contains listening practice quizzes designed to assist you in preparing for the listening tests. You are encouraged to use this resource.

## Recommended Resources

See the Leganto Reading List in the course Moodle site.

## Course Evaluation and Development

Students have the opportunity to provide evaluative feedback on the course through UNSW's Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) Process. Student feedback is important and provides one means for improving the course for subsequent cohorts.

## **Submission of Assessment Tasks**

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### **Turnitin Submission**

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on [externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au](mailto:externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au) . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

Generally, assessment tasks must be submitted electronically via either Turnitin or a Moodle assignment. In instances where this is not possible, it will be stated on your course's Moodle site with alternative submission details.

For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle>

## Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

**Copying:** using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

**Inappropriate paraphrasing:** Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

**Collusion:** working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

**Inappropriate citation:** Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

**Duplication ("self-plagiarism"):** submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices:

- Paraphrasing, summarising, essay writing and time management
- Appropriate use of and attribution for a range of materials including text, images, formulae and concepts.

Individual assistance is available on request from The Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>). Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library also has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study.

Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise>

## **Academic Information**

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

<https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/current-students/academic-information/protocols-guidelines/>

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