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Musc 1250-090
World Music
ONLINE
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Course Description

This course is a selective survey of the music of the indigenous peoples of Africa, India, China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Central and South America, and North America. In this course we will examine the ways that music functions within these cultures. We will examine the music itself, the people who make it, the instruments they use, and the complex of ideas, behaviors, and processes that are involved in the production of this music.

Course Outcomes and Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe in musical terms your reaction to an acoustic performance of world music.
- Identify and explain political, economic, social, and/or cultural connections between the United States and other communities of the world.
- Identify and explain several pertinent contemporary issues that impact the global community.
- Explain how global awareness will impact your frame of reference in the future.

Course Requirements

- Attendance and participation – 10%
- Homework assignments (HW) – 30%
- Concert Attendance – 10%
- Three exams – 30%
- Term Final Project – 10%

Required Materials – *Soundscapes 2nd Ed.* Kay Kaufmann Shelemay WW NORTON Publishers 2019. Inclusive Access eBook.

Grading Scale - %

A	93-100	C+	77-79	D-	60-62
A-	90-92	C	73-76	E<	60

B+	87-89	C-	70-72
B	83-86	D+	67-69
B-	80-82	D	63-66

University Policies

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities for people with disabilities.

All written information in this course can be made available in an alternative format with prior notification to the [Center for Disability & Access](#) (CDA). CDA will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. Prior notice is appreciated. To read the full accommodations policy for the University of Utah, please see Section Q of the [Instruction & Evaluation regulations](#).

In compliance with ADA requirements, some students may need to record course content. Any recordings of course content are for personal use only, should not be shared, and should never be made publicly available. In addition, recordings must be destroyed at the conclusion of the course.

If you will need accommodations in this class, or for more information about what support they provide, contact:

Center for Disability & Access

801-581-5020
disability.utah.edu
65 Student Services Building
201 S 1460 E
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Safety at the U

The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more safety information and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safeu.utah.edu.

To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, contact:

Campus Police & Department of Public Safety

801-585-COPS (801-585-2677)

dps.utah.edu

1735 E. S. Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Addressing Sexual Misconduct

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status, or genetic information.

If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to university officials:

Title IX Coordinator & Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

801-581-8365

oeo.utah.edu

135 Park Building
201 Presidents' Cir.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Office of the Dean of Students

801-581-7066

deanofstudents.utah.edu

270 Union Building
200 S. Central Campus Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

To file a police report, contact:

Campus Police & Department of Public Safety

801-585-COPS (801-585-2677)

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If you do not feel comfortable reporting to authorities, the U's Victim-Survivor Advocates provide free, confidential, and trauma-informed support services to students, faculty, and staff who have experienced interpersonal violence.

To privately explore options and resources available to you with an advocate, contact:

Center for Campus Wellness

801-581-7776

wellness.utah.edu

350 Student Services Building

201 S. 1460 E.

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Academic Misconduct

It is expected that students comply with University of Utah policies regarding academic honesty, including but not limited to refraining from cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting one's work, and/or inappropriately collaborating. This includes the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools without citation, documentation, or authorization. Students are expected to adhere to the prescribed professional and ethical standards of the profession/discipline for which they are preparing. Any student who engages in academic dishonesty or who violates the professional and ethical standards for their profession/discipline may be subject to academic sanctions as per the University of Utah's Student Code: [Policy 6-410: Student Academic Performance, Academic Conduct, and Professional and Ethical Conduct](#).

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on an individual assignment, and/or failure in the course. Academic misconduct, according to the University of Utah Student Code:

"...Includes, but is not limited to, cheating, misrepresenting one's work, inappropriately collaborating, plagiarism, and fabrication or falsification of information...It also includes facilitating academic misconduct by intentionally helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic misconduct."

For details on plagiarism and other important course conduct issues, see the U's [Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#).

Updated mandatory syllabus policies regarding the ADA Act, Safety at the U, Addressing Sexual Misconduct, and Academic Misconduct can be viewed at: <https://cte.utah.edu/instructor-education/syllabus/institutional-policies.php>

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Discussion</u>	<u>Due Dates:</u>
Week 1:	Course Introduction and Syllabus/Schedule Review	

Introductory Chapter from Soundscapes
The Throat Singers of Tuva

- Week 2:** Chapter 1 World Music Concepts and Terminology
- Week 3:** Chapter 2 Music of Ghana, Music of India HW # 1 Due 1/17/25
- Week 4:** Chapter 3 South Indian Raga, Mariachi Music, Celtic Traditions
- Week 5:** Exam 1 Due 2/8/25
- Week 6:** Chapter 4 Music of Migration China, Middle East, Vietnam
- Week 7:** Chapter 5 Mexican Corrido, Jazz Funeral, Syrian Jewish Pizmon
HW# 2 Due 2/21/25
- Week 8:** Chapter 6 Hawaiian Music, Balinese Gamelan,
- Week 9:** Silk Road Ensemble
- Week 10:** Chapter 7 Bhangra Music of the Punjab/ Capoeira from Brazil
- Week 11:** Exam 2 Due 3/29/25
- Week 12:** Chapter 7 Argentinian Tango Music HW #3 Due 4/3/25
- Week 13:** Chapter 9 Reggae Music Jamaica/Native American Drum Circle
- Week 14:** Chapter 9 South African National Anthem
- Week 15:** Chapter 10 Zydeco Music/ Japanese Karaoke HW #4 Due 4/18/25
- Week 16:** Chapter 10 Lei Lang and Gobi Gloria/ Western orchestra tradition
Concert Report Due 4/22/25
- Finals Week:** Final Exam Due 4/29/25