MUSIC

Barnard College Department of Music
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Columbia University Department of Music
621 Dodge Hall
212-854-3825
Department Administrative Assistant: Mary Missirian

Mission

The Barnard Music Program provides the vocal program for the university, which includes the Barnard-­Columbia Chorus and Chamber Choir, solo studio voice lessons and two levels of limited-­enrollment vocal classes, Technique in Singing, and the Vocal Repertoire Class. In addition, the program provides a music history course, Introduction to Music, which is a year-­long survey of Western European art music, from sixth-­century Gregorian Chant to the work of living composers. The course fulfills the Fine and Performing Arts requirement of the General Education Requirements and also serves as a pre­requirement for the music major. Students may complete a senior project in music repertoire by presenting an hour­long recital, or may write a fifty­page thesis project in music research. The successful student will gain professional level performance skills though studio lessons and the theory and ear training sequence, and gain a comprehensive knowledge of music history from the courses in historical musicology and ethnomusicology provided by the Music Department at Columbia University.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully graduate with a major in music will be able to attain the following outcomes:

1. Analyze the harmonic structure of art music and identify schools of composition by historic period and nationality;
2. Read music at sight at the keyboard, with their instrument, or sight sing representative excerpts from all periods of Western European art music;
3. Perform at a professional level vocally or instrumentally;
4. Demonstrate in-­depth knowledge of the diversity of style, musical period and mastery of the representative literature for voice or instrument.
5. Apply knowledge of musical theories, traditions and periods to the study of the major;
6. Communicate effectively orally and in writing;
7. Explain the theoretical concepts and organizational principles, harmony, pitch, and rhythm of both non-­Western and Western art music.

Director: Gail Archer, Professor of Professional Practice

Other officers of the University offering courses listed below:

Chair: Christopher J. Washburne
Vice Chair: Giuseppe Gerbino

Professors: Marcos Baltar, Susan Boynton, Joseph Dubiel, Walter Frisch, Brad Garton, Georg Friedrich Haas, George Lewis, Elaine Sisman,
Associate Professors: Alessandra Ciucci, Zosha Di Castri, Julia Doe, Kevin Fellezs, Aaron Fox, Mariusz Kozak, Benjamin Steege
Assistant Professors: Knar Abrahamyan, Ruth Opara

Lecturers: Audrey Amsellem, Nandini Banerjee, Ashkan Behzadi, Seth Cluett (Director: Computer Music Center), Scott Douglass, Saad Haddad, Velia Ivanova, Cheng Wei Lim, Anna Meadors, Finola Merivale, Jeffrey Milarsky, Russell O’Rourke, Magdalena Stem­Baczewska (Director: Music Performance Program), Peter Susser, Lucy Turner, Sonja Wermager, Tom Wetmore

Associates: Michael Skelly, Ole Mathisen (Director: Louis Armstrong Jazz Program)

CU Adjuncts: David Adamczyk, Dongmyung Ahn, Ramin Amir Arjomand, Kristy Barbacane, Sadie Dawkins, Galen DeGraf, Tina Frihauf, Michael Joviala, Marilyn McCoy, George Murer, Joshua Navon, Ashley Nail, Ryan Pratt, Alexander Rothe, Ralph Whyte

BC Adjuncts: Marilyn Louise McCoy, Lauren Ninoshvili

BC Voice Adjuncts: Jean­Paul Björlin, Harolyn Blackwell, Coralie Gallet, Josephine Mongiardo­-Cooper, Robert Osborne

Requirements for the Music Major

You need a total of 48 points, minimum, for our major across two tracks:

12 points Music Theory I-­IV
4 points Ear Training I-­IV
6 points Music History I/II
6 points 2000-­level courses
9 points 3000-­4000-­level courses
4 points vocal or instrumental lessons
4 points Senior Seminar
3 points Senior Project: Research or Repertoire

Program of Study: To be planned with the department consultant before the end of the sophomore year. Prospective music majors should complete the prerequisites by the end of their sophomore year and are encouraged to complete them by the end of their first year. By the end of her first year as a music major, the student should select a faculty adviser.

Prerequisite: MUSI BC1001 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC I or MUSI BC1002 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC II, MUSI UN1002 FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC, and MUSI UN1312 INTRODUCTORY EAR­TRAINING. Prospective music majors are advised to satisfy the prerequisites prior to their declaration as majors or before the end of their sophomore year. This requirement may be fulfilled either through successful completion of the courses or satisfactory performance on examinations administered each semester by the department.

Courses: At least 40 points, including MUSI UN2318 MUSIC THEORY I - MUSI UN2319 MUSIC THEORY II; MUSI UN3321 MUSIC THEORY III - MUSI UN3322 MUSIC THEORY IV; four semesters of ear training, unless the student is exempt by exam; the following two history courses: MUSI UN3128 HIST­WEST MUS: MID AGE­BAROQUE and MUSI UN3129 HIST­WEST MUS: CLASSICAL­20TH CENTURY; and at least three 3000­ or 4000­level electives in her area of interest (theory, history, composition, or ethnomusicology). The remaining points are chosen from 2000­ to 4000­levels. No more than 6 points of 2000­level courses and no more than 4 points of instrumental or vocal lessons will count toward the major.

Senior Project: In the fall semester of the senior year, a major must enroll in MUSI BC3992 SENIOR SEM FOR MUSIC MAJORS in which she will write a paper which deals with primary sources. In the spring semester of the senior year, a student will either work with her adviser to expand the paper written in the senior seminar by taking MUSI BC3990 SENIOR PROJ: RESEARCH FOR MUSIC, or she will take MUSI BC3991
SENIOR PROJ: MUSIC REPERTORY and prepare an hour-long vocal or instrumental recital, or compose an original composition.

**Keyboard Proficiency:** Music majors will be required to take a keyboard proficiency exam, which must be arranged by making an appointment with a member of the piano faculty, immediately upon declaration of the major. Those who do not pass the exam will be required to take MUSI W1517 Keyboard Harmony and Musicianship. MUSI UN1518 KEYBOARD HARMONY/MUSICIANSHIP, for 1 point each term, which will count against the maximum 4 points allowed toward completion of the major.

**Languages:** For students who plan to do graduate work in music, the study of German, French, Italian, and/or Latin is recommended.

**Note:** With the permission of Gail Archer, Barnard Director, students may take lessons at the Manhattan School of Music or the Juilliard School. For non-majors, there is a six semester limit, but majors may continue for the remainder of their program.

**Practice Rooms:** Piano practice rooms are available, at a nominal fee, upon application to the Music Department in 319 Milbank. Application should be made during the first week of classes. Preference in assigning hours is given to students taking piano instruction, majors, and concentrators, in order of application. The organ studio in St. Paul’s Chapel is available for organ practice. Arrangements should be made with Mary Monroe, Associate in Organ Performance, during the first week of classes.

### Requirements for Ethnomusicology Track in the Music Major

The ethnomusicology track combines the social science of music in such courses as the Social Science of Music and Asian Music Humanities, together with anthropology as a regular option for all students. All special majors in ethnomusicology must take two courses in anthropology at the recommendation of the Barnard anthropology department in consultation with ethnomusicology faculty at Columbia.

**Courses for an ethnomusicology track in the music major**

Pre-requisite: One semester of Introduction to Music MUSI BC1001 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC I or MUSI BC1002 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC II

- MUSI UN2314  EAR-TRAINING I  1
- MUSI UN2315  EAR-TRAINING II  1
- MUSI UN2318  MUSIC THEORY I  3
- MUSI UN2319  MUSIC THEORY II  3
- MUSI V3420  The Social Science of Music  3
- Up to 4 performance credits (lessons or ensembles)  4
- One 3000-level western music history course  3
- One Asian Humanities-Music (AHMM) course  3
- Three ethnomusicology electives, one at the 2000-level and the other from the upper division electives  9
- Two courses in Anthropology, one at the introduction to cultural anthropology level; the other, an elective  6
- Ethnographic thesis of 30-40 pages, developed over the senior year  6

### Requirements for the Minor

**4 Terms of Theory**

- MUSI UN2318 MUSIC THEORY I  MUSI UN2319 MUSIC THEORY II
- MUSI UN3321 MUSIC THEORY III  MUSI UN3322 MUSIC THEORY IV

**4 Terms of Ear-Training** (unless student is exempt by exam)

- MUSI UN2314 EAR-TRAINING I  MUSI UN2315 EAR-TRAINING II
- MUSI UN3316 EAR-TRAINING III  MUSI UN3317 EAR-TRAINING IV

**2 Terms of History**

- MUSI UN3128 HIST-WEST MUS: MID AGE-BAROQUE
- MUSI UN3129 HIST-WEST MUS:CLASSICAL-20TH CENTURY

### Instrumental Instruction and Performance Courses

Please note: In the instrumental lesson listed below, all offered on a weekly, individual basis, a course of half-hour lessons earns 1 point of credit, and a course of one-hour lessons earns 2 points of credit. Unless otherwise indicated on auditions and registration is posted during the fall registration period by director of Music Performance Program.

**MUSI BC1001 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC I. 3.00 points.**

Prerequisites: no previous knowledge of music is required. A survey of the development of Western music from 6th-century Gregorian Chant to Bach and Handel, with emphasis upon important composers and forms.

Extensive listening required

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**MUSI BC1002 AN INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC II. 3.00 points.**

Prerequisites: no previous knowledge of music is required

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**MUSI BC1501 VOICE INSTRUCTION. 2.00 points.**

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**MUSI BC1502 VOICE INSTRUCTION. 2.00 points.**

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MUSI UN1593 BARNARD-COLUMBIA CHORUS I. 1.00 point.
Prerequisites: auditions by appointment made at first meeting. Contact Barnard College, Department of Music (854-5096). Membership in the chorus is open to all men and women in the University community. The chorus gives several public concerts each season, both on and off campus, often with other performing organizations. Sight-singing sessions offered. The repertory includes works from all periods of music literature. Students who register for chorus will receive a maximum of 4 points for four or more semesters

Fall 2024: MUSI UN1593
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 1593   001/00023  T Th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  405 Milbank Hall  Gail Archer  1.00  9/90

MUSI UN1594 BARNARD-COLUMBIA CHORUS II. 1.00 point.
Prerequisites: auditions by appointment made at first meeting. Contact Barnard College, Department of Music (854-5096). Membership in the chorus is open to all men and women in the University community. The chorus gives several public concerts each season, both on and off campus, often with other performing organizations. Sight-singing sessions offered. The repertory includes works from all periods of music literature. Students who register for chorus will receive a maximum of 4 points for four or more semesters

Spring 2024: MUSI UN1594
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 1594   001/00294  T Th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  405 Milbank Hall  Gail Archer  1.00  20/85

MUSI UN1595 BARNARD-COLUMBIA-CHAMBR SINGER. 1.00 point.
Prerequisites: auditions by appointment made at first meeting. Contact Barnard College, Department of Music (854-5096). Membership in the chorus is open to all men and women in the University community. The chorus gives several public concerts each season, both on and off campus, often with other performing organizations. Sight-singing sessions offered. The repertory includes works from all periods of music literature

Fall 2024: MUSI UN1595
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MUSI 1595   001/00582  T Th 8:00pm - 9:30pm  405 Milbank Hall  Gail Archer  1.00  1/30

MUSI UN1596 BARNARD-COLUMBIA-CHAMBR SINGER. 1.00 point.
Prerequisites: contact Barnard College, Department of Music (854-5096). Membership in the chorus is open to all men and women in the University community. The chorus gives several public concerts each season, both on and off campus, often with other performing organizations. Sight-singing sessions offered. The repertory includes works from all periods of music literature

Spring 2024: MUSI UN1596
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 1596   001/00295  T Th 8:00pm - 10:00pm  405 Milbank Hall  Gail Archer  1.00  5/25

MUSI BC3139 INTRODUCTION VOCAL REPERTOIRE. 3.00 points.
This course is designed for developing singers. Group vocalizing, learning of songs and individual workshop performances are aimed at improving the students technical skill and the elements necessary to create a meaningful musical and dramatic experience. Attention to text, subtext, emotional and psychological aspects of a piece and the performers relationship to the audience are included in the work. Repertoire is predominantly in English and comes from both classical and popular traditions Individual coaching sessions are available with the class accompanist and help strengthen the students confidence and skill. The class culminates with an in-class performance

Spring 2024: MUSI BC3139
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 3139   001/00296  T Th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  405 Milbank Hall  Bjorlin  3.00  10/10

Fall 2024: MUSI BC3139
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 3139   001/00583  T Th 1:10pm - 2:55pm  325 Milbank Hall  Jean-Paul Bjorlin  3.00  6/15

MUSI BC3140 VOCAL REPERTOIRE, TECHNIQUE. 3.00 points.
Vocal exercises and exploration of wide-ranging repertoires, styles, and languages of the Western European song tradition. The rich variety of English, French, Italian and German poetry and music from the Baroque period through the Twentieth Century allows the student to experience both the music and the cultural environment of each of these styles. Attention is given both to meaning oftext and musical interpretation. Individual coaching sessions are available with the class accompanist and help strengthen the students confidence and skill. The class culminates with an in-class performance

Spring 2024: MUSI BC3140
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 3140   001/00297  T Th 1:10pm - 2:55pm  325 Milbank Hall  Jean-Paul Bjorlin  3.00  8/8

Fall 2024: MUSI BC3140
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 3140   001/00587  T Th 10:00am - 1:00pm  325 Milbank Hall  Coralie Gallet  3.00  4/10

MUSI BC3145 WORLDMUSE ENSEMBLE. 3.00 points.
Worldmuse Ensemble delves into compelling music from many genres such as world music, gospel, classical—old and new. We perform without a conductor, increasing awareness and interaction among ourselves and our audience. We collaboratively integrate music, dance, and theatre traditions (masks etc.). For experienced singers, and instrumentalists and dancers who sing

Spring 2024: MUSI BC3145
Course Number  Section/Call Number  Times/Location  Instructor  Points  Enrollment
MUSI 3145   001/00298  T Th 11:10am - 12:55pm  225 Milbank Hall  Jean-Paul Bjorlin  3.00  12/15
MUSI BC3990 SENIOR PROJ: RESEARCH FOR MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Working with her advisor, a student will expand the research project initiated in the Fall Senior Seminar for Music Majors (BC3992x). In order to satisfy the requirement, the student will complete a fifty page research paper.

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MUSI BC3991 SENIOR PROJ: MUSIC REPERTORY. 3.00 points.
Working with her advisor, a student will develop a vocal or instrumental recital program with representative musical works from a variety of historical periods. In order to satisfy the requirement, the student will present an hour long public performance of the recital program. Students may also satisfy this requirement by composing original vocal or instrumental works.

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MUSI BC3992 SENIOR SEM FOR MUSIC MAJORS. 4.00 points.
The goals of this seminar are a) to introduce senior music majors to ethnographic, bibliographic, and archival research methods in music and b) to help the same students develop, focus, implement, draft, revise, and polish a substantive, original piece of research (25-30 pages) which will serve as the senior project. The course will begin with a survey of academic literature on key problems in musicological research and writing, and will progress to a workshop/discussion format in which each week a different student is responsible for assigning readings and leading the discussion on a topic which s/he has formulated and deemed to be of relevance to her own research.

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MUSI UN1002 FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Corequisites: Introductory Ear-Training (V1312, or higher, as determined by placement exam).
Introduction to music, including notation, written and aural skills, and basic conceptual resources of music theory. Exploration of scale, mode, rhythm, meter, texture and form, with reference to a diverse range of musics.

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MUSI UN1312 INTRODUCTORY EAR-TRAINING. 1.00 point.
This course is an introduction to basic skills in sight reading. Instruction includes reading rhythms in simple meter, solfege recitation, and sight-singing simple melodies.

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Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment
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MUSI 1312 | 001/12141 | T Th 12:10pm - 1:00pm 404 Dodge Building | Mary Asti | 1.00 | 7/14

Fall 2024: MUSI UN1312
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment
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MUSI 1312 | 001/10061 | M W 12:10pm - 1:00pm 404 Dodge Building | | 1.00 | 0/14

MUSI UN1518 KEYBOARD HARMONY/MUSICIANSHIP. 1.00 point.
Prerequisites: Instructor Permission
This course is only open to Music Theory students who did not pass the piano proficiency exam. Sign up in 109 Dodge.

MPP UN1521 UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA I. 2.00 points.
Prerequisites: Auditions are required. Sign up for an audition on the CUO website: http://cuo.music.columbia.edu/
Founded by composer Edward MacDowell in 1896, the Columbia University Orchestra is the oldest continually operating university orchestra in the United States. The principal mission of the Orchestra is to expose talented student musicians to the highest level of orchestral repertoire. An audition is required.

Spring 2024: MPP UN1521
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment
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MPP 1521 | 001/12146 | T 6:30pm - 9:30pm Room TBA | Jeffrey Milarsky | 2.00 | 67/100

Fall 2024: MPP UN1521
Course Number | Section/Call Number | Times/Location | Instructor | Points | Enrollment
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MPP 1521 | 001/10067 | T 6:30pm - 9:30pm Room TBA | Jeffrey Milarsky | 2.00 | 13/100

MPP UN1531 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE. 1.00 point.
The Music Performance Program (MPP) offers students the opportunity to participate in various classical ensembles and study with some of the most renowned chamber musicians in New York City. An audition is required.

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MPP 1531 | 004/12148 | W 4:10pm - 5:25pm 620 Dodge Building | Magdalena Baczewska | 1.00 | 15/16
MPP 1531 | 006/12505 | | Sarah Adams | 1.00 | 7/25
MPP 1531 | 007/12506 | | Eliot Bailen | 1.00 | 9/25
MPP 1531 | 008/12509 | | Allen Blustine | 1.00 | 3/25
MPP 1531 | 010/12510 | | Wendy Sutter | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 011/12513 | | Maja Cerar | 1.00 | 5/25
MPP 1531 | 014/12516 | | Sue Anne Kahn | 1.00 | 5/25
MPP 1531 | 015/12517 | | Ah-ling Neu | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 016/12519 | | Muneko Otani | 1.00 | 13/25
MPP 1531 | 017/12521 | | Susan Palma-Nidel | 1.00 | 2/25
MPP 1531 | 018/12523 | | Richard Rood | 1.00 | 7/25
MPP 1531 | 019/12524 | | Susan Rotholz | 1.00 | 3/25

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MPP 1531 | 003/10252 | | Ian Sullivan | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 005/10253 | | Reiko Uchida | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 006/10254 | | Sarah Adams | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 007/10255 | | Eliot Bailen | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 008/10256 | | Allen Blustine | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 009/10257 | | Vicki Bodner | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 010/10262 | | Maja Cerar | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 011/10258 | | Cyrus Beroukhim | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 012/10259 | | June Han | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 013/10260 | | Sue Anne Kahn | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 014/10261 | | | 1.00 | 0/25
MPP 1531 | 015/10264 | | Muneko Otani | 1.00 | 0/25
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MPP UN1541 COLUMBIA UNIV JAZZ ENSEMBLE. 1.00 point.
The Louis Armstrong Jazz Performance Program in the Music Performance Program (MPP) offers students the opportunity to participate in various jazz ensembles, both large and small, instrumental and vocal, that cover a wide range of musical ensembles. All ensembles perform at an intermediate level or higher and require some past jazz experience.

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MPP UN1551 WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE. 1.00 point.
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MUSI UN2021 MUSIC IN CONTEMP NATIVE AMER. 3.00 points.
Music in Contemporary Native America is a historical, ethnographic, and topical examination of contemporary Native American musical practices and ideologies. The course emphasizes popular, vernacular, and mass mediated musics, and calls into question the simple distinction between traditional and modern aspects of Native American cultures. Our readings and class guests (several of whom will be Native American scholars) emphasize the importance of understanding Native 2 American perspectives on these topics. Three short papers and one substantial final project are required. Approximately 100-150 pages of reading per week.

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MUSI UN2023 BEETHOVEN. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: HUMA UN123 or the equivalent.
A study of the life and works of Ludwig van Beethoven, with emphasis on selected symphonies, string quartets, and piano sonatas. Also consider the changing nature of the critical reception of Beethoven and issues of classicism and romanticism in music.

MUSI UN2025 THE OPERA. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: HUMA W123 or the equivalent.
The development of opera from Monteverdi to the present. IN FALL 2011, THE OPERA WILL BE OFFERED MON/WED 2:40-3:55 in 622 DODGE.

MUSI UN2030 JEWISH MUSIC IN NEW YORK. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Music Humanities (Columbia University) or An Introduction to Music (Barnard).
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JWST UN2155 Music, Sound, and Antisemitism. 3.00 points.
From the Middle Ages to the present, individuals involved in making and writing about music, have engaged in behaviors, creations, and discourses steeped in hatred of Jews. This course examines the various ways in which these individuals have used music to perform and inscribe, symbolize, describe, and editorialize antisemitism. In so doing, it focuses on musicizing—a term that encompasses all musical activity from composing to performing to listening—in the realms of art music, popular music, and non-Western traditions, as well as of genres that synthesize different styles. It also draws on sound, including language and speech as well as writings such as Wagner’s Judenenth in der Musik (1848–50/69) and Carl Engels The Music of the Most Ancient Nations (1864). All of these will serve as a window through which to address the types of Jew-hatred that have become known since the mid-nineteenth century as antisemitism—religious, national and ethnic, political, populist, economic, and institutional—as well as hate speech or “hate talk” and the Jewish responses to it. A basic familiarity with music is helpful for this course, but it is not required as long as there is an openness to listening to music and a commitment to basic aural analysis. You do not need to know Jewish history to take this class, nor do you need to be able to read music. Translations will be provided, and musical analysis will be well explained. Suggested prerequisites: Music Humanities (Columbia University) or An Introduction to Music (Barnard).

MUSI UN2205 INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Permission of Instructor required to enroll. Music Majors/ Music Concentrations have priority for enrollment.
An introduction to the potential of digital sound synthesis and signal processing. Teaches proficiency in elementary and advanced digital audio techniques. This course aims to challenge some of the tacet assumptions about music that are built into the design of various user interfaces and hardware and fosters a creative approach to using digital audio workstation software and equipment. Permission of Instructor required to enroll. Music Majors have priority for enrollment.

Spring 2024: MUSI UN2205
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MUSI 2205  | 001/12172  | T Th 1:10pm - 2:25pm  | Uri Kochavi  | 3.00  | 19/18
MUSI 2205  | 002/12175  | M W 10:10am - 11:25am | Anna Meadors | 3.00  | 20/18

Fall 2024: MUSI UN2205
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MUSI 2205  | 001/10065  | T Th 1:10pm - 2:25pm  | Anna Meadors | 3.00  | 5/18
MUSI 2205  | 002/10066  | M W 11:40am - 12:55pm | Anna Meadors | 3.00  | 4/18
MUSI 2205  | 003/17469  | F 1:10pm - 4:00pm     | Danielle Dobkin | 3.00  | 8/18

MUSI UN2230 History and Practice of Electronic Music. 3.00 points.
This course will provide a critical survey of the development of electronic and computer music and sound from around the globe. From early experiments and precursors in the late 19th century through to modern-day experimental and popular music practices, this course aims to trace the development of technologies used in the production of electronic and computer derived sound and music alongside the economic, cultural, and social forces that contribute to the development of audiences. The course will focus intently on listening through a series of curated playlists in an effort to unpack style and genre distinctions. Readings and listening examples will be paired with small, hands-on assignments, that demonstrate the effect of music making tools on the process and structure of musical genres and styles ranging from the experimental practices of musique concrete, drone, and harsh noise to the mainstream practices of dub, techno, vaporwave, hyperpop, and hip hop and more.

Fall 2024: MUSI UN2230
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MUSI 2230  | 001/10067  | T Th 2:40pm - 3:55pm  | Seth Cluett  | 3.00  | 30/30
MUSI UN2240 The Song Within Us: Composition, Analysis, Performance. 3.00 points.

This class offers insight through composing, analysis, and performance for the composer, singer/songwriter, and performance artist. Coupling specifics of rhythm, melody, and harmony with story telling, lyric writing and the voice itself, students will be encouraged to share their imagination in song regardless of style, genre, or aesthetic. Music ranging from Chant to Music Theatre, the German lied to international pop fusion will be included as models upon which to base discussion and creative endeavor. Improvisation and musicianship techniques will complement pedagogical presentations of tonal and non-tonal compositional practice. A required final project based on any combination of composition, analysis, and performance, and in any media will be due at the end of the semester. All levels of experience and all types of instruments are welcome. Notation software is recommended but not required.

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MUSI 2240   | 001/12633           | M W 1:10pm - 2:25pm  | Peter Susser | 3.00  | 20/24

MUSI UN2314 EAR-TRAINING I. 1.00 point.

Designed to improve the students basic skills in sight-singing, and rhythmic and melodic dictation with an introduction to four-part harmonic dictation

Spring 2024: MUSI UN2314
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MUSI 2314   | 001/12634           | M W 12:10pm - 1:00pm | Sadie Dawkins | 1.00  | 11/14
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MUSI 2314   | 001/10068           | T Th 12:10pm - 1:00pm | Knar Abrahamyan | 1.00  | 8/14
MUSI 2314   | 002/10069           | M W 12:10pm - 1:00pm | Cheng Lim | 1.00  | 8/14

MUSI UN2315 EAR-TRAINING II. 1.00 point.

Techniques of sight-singing and dictation of diatonic melodies in simple and compound meter with strong emphasis on harmonic dictation

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MUSI 2315   | 001/12642           | M W 12:10pm - 1:00pm | Ramin Amir Arjomand | 1.00  | 15/14
MUSI 2315   | 002/12643           | T Th 12:10pm - 1:00pm | Michael Joviala | 1.00  | 10/14
Fall 2024: MUSI UN2315
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MUSI 2315   | 001/10070           | T Th 12:10pm - 1:00pm | 405 Dodge Building | 1.00  | 8/14

MUSI UN2318 MUSIC THEORY I. 3.00 points.

Prerequisites: Passing score on the placement exam administered prior to the first day of class or Fundamentals of Music/UN1002. Elementary analysis and composition in a variety of modal and tonal idioms. A one-hour weekly lab is required, to be scheduled at the beginning of the term. Course to be taken in conjunction with the Ear-Training sequence, up through Ear-Training IV

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MUSI 2318   | 001/12645           | M W 1:10pm - 2:25pm  | Cheng Lim | 3.00  | 17/20

MUSI UN2319 MUSIC THEORY II. 3.00 points.

Prerequisites: Passing score on the placement exam administered prior to the first day of class or Music Theory I/UN2318 Corequisites: one course from Ear-Training I-IV (V2314, V2315, V3316, or V3317, as determined by placement exam.) Elementary analysis and composition in a variety of tonal idioms. A one-hour weekly lab is required, to be scheduled at the beginning of the term. Course to be taken in conjunction with the Ear-Training sequence, up through Ear-Training IV

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MUSI 2319   | 001/12646           | T Th 1:10pm - 2:25pm | Knar Abrahamyan | 3.00  | 19/20

MUSI UN2320 Introduction to Music Cognition. 3.00 points.

The aim of music cognition is to understand the musical mind. This course is an introduction to a variety of key topics in this field, including human development, evolution, neural processing, embodied knowledge, memory and anticipation, cross-cultural perspectives, and emotions. The course explores recent research on these topics, as well as ways in which this research can be applied to music scholarship. Readings are drawn from fields as diverse as music theory, psychology, biology, anthropology, and neuroscience, and include general works in cognitive science, theoretical work focused on specific musical issues, and reports of empirical research.
MUSI UN2500 Women and Music. 3 points.
This course explores the relationship between women, music, and performance from a thematic and a cross-cultural perspective. Through the analysis of different case studies, we will investigate different topics from the perspective of ethnomusicology, cultural anthropology, and performance studies. A number of critical questions we will consider include: how does a particular gender ideology construct and how is constructed by musical aesthetics? What are some of the critical roles for women in performance? What is the significance of gender in performances? What does it mean for women to have have and to be the voice? And how is a musical performance bound up with emotions?

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MUSI UN2582 JAZZ IMPROVISTN:THRY,HIST,PRAC. 3.00 points.
This course offers an introduction to jazz improvisation for instrumentalists. Through recordings, transcriptions, daily performance and selected readings, students will actively engage the history of jazz through their instruments and intellect. The idea of improvisation will be explored in an historical context, both as a musical phenomenon with its attendant theory and mechanics, and as a trope of American history and aesthetics. This class is for instrumentalists who wish to deepen their understanding of the theory, history and practice of jazz improvisation. The history of jazz will be used as a prism through which to view approaches to improvisation, from the cadences of the early Blues through the abstractions of Free Jazz and beyond. The student will be exposed to the theory and vocabularies of various jazz idioms, which will also learn to place in their social and historical contexts.

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MUSI UN3036 Schubert's Romantic Cycles. 3 points.
This course offers an intensive study of Schubert's cyclic music written for chamber performance, 1822-1828. A major composer whose short life-span and delayed posterity skewed the trajectory of musical Romanticism during and after Beethoven, Schubert wrote a string of masterworks in his later years, including the String Quartets in D minor (“Death and the Maiden”) and G major, the dark song cycle Die Winterreise, the Impromptus and last three Sonatas for piano, the String Quintet in C, the Fantasy in F minor, and the two Piano Trios. His notably artistic friendship circle, his tangential relationship to patronage, and his extraordinary cultivation of chamber genres (including the Lied), reveal him to have had a Viennese career during the 1820s very different from that of Beethoven at the same time. Schubert’s illness and diagnosis with syphilis in late 1822 produced a crisis of creativity still relevant for scholars and students today, as the literature reveals: analyzing biography and art under the sign of death produces tensions we will explore in the course.

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MUSI UN3103 Afrofuturism and Society: Music, Media, and Race. 3.00 points.
An aesthetic, perspective, and practice, Afrofuturism places Afro-diasporic peoples at the center of science-fiction and speculative narratives, affording Black people narrative agency over their past, present, and future. Afrofuturism exists as an essential site for the interrogation and celebration of Black life, while also serving as a thoughtful critique of anti-Black sentiments and white supremacy. This course will familiarize students with the historical underpinnings, contexts, and both seminal and contemporary works that are a part of the movement and which situate Afrofuturism as part of a larger socio-cultural discourse on race, creativity, and activism. We will be discussing Afrofuturism’s historical and socio-cultural positionality, but will also ask: in the midst of global anti-Blackness, the post-Trump era, a pandemic, and the era of Black Lives Matter, where does Afrofuturism fit in the existing discourse?

MUSI UN3127 BACH'S SACRED MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Bach's sacred music in its historical, theological, and social context

MUSI UN3128 HIST-WEST MUS: MID AGE-BAROQUE. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: MUSI UN2318 - MUSI UN2319. May be taken before or concurrently with this course.
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MUSI UN3129 HIST-WEST MUS:CLASSICAL-20TH CENTURY. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: MUSI V2318-2319. May be taken before or concurrently with this course.
Topics in Western music from the Classical era to the present day, focusing on the development of musical style and thought, and on analysis of selected works
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MUSI UN3168 THE AMERICAN MUSICAL. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: reading ability of music and some theoretical knowledge is required. Musical theater is one of Americas most vital and important art form. Several of its major creators studied at Columbia, including Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein II, John Kander, and Fred Ebb. This course will present a historical survey of American musical theater from its origins in late nineteenth-century; through the musicals of figures like Kern, Gershwin, and Rodgers - Hammerstein; through Sondheim and the megamusical of Lloyd Webber. Focus will be on selected shows, through which broader cultural and musical trends will be examined
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MUSI UN3171 PARIS FOR ROMANTICS. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Completion of Music Humanities (or the consent of the instructor) is a pre-requisite for this course. Prerequisites: Completion of Music Humanities (or the consent of the instructor) is a pre-requisite for this course. This course explores Parisian musical life during the long nineteenth century, situating musical discourses, institutions, and forms within the broader landscapes of literary and artistic Romanticism. Topics to be considered include: the musical echoes of the Revolution; operatic genres and theaters; the music of the salons; cultures of consumerism and domestic performance; and issues of nationalism and historicism after 1870. Composers to be considered include: Berlioz, Chopin, Liszt, Gounod, Saint-Saëns, Franck, Massenet, and Debussy. Completion of Music Humanities (or the consent of the instructor) is a pre-requisite for this course

MUSI UN3210 Chopin, Pianos, Revolutions. 3.00 points.
This seminar offers a survey of the music by Fryderyk Chopin, examining his output in historical, geopolitical, and cultural context. Organized by genre, the study will be accompanied by the exploration of music as performance, using legendary recordings, and live in-class demonstrations. Through guided listening, analysis of the written score, and reading assignments, students will obtain tools to discuss topics related to the piano (the development of which will be an integral part of the course), comparative performance, interpretation, and performance practice. Since student performances will be an important component of the course, members of the Music Performance Program receive registration priority
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MUSI UN3213 Bach Interpretation for Performers. 3.00 points.
This course will explore the music of Johann Sebastian Bach from the perspective of performance. Attention will be given to Baroque dance forms and the social significance of dance in the 18th century, the art of rhetoric as a driving force for convincing delivery, an exploration of period instruments, and the study of elements of style such as articulation and ornamentation. The course consists of lectures, discussions, guided listening, score analysis, reading assignments, and performance projects. Aside from Bach’s scores, we will examine three key 17th- and 18th-century vocal and instrumental treatises, and a wide array of literature on rhetorical style and performance practice. Upon successful completion of the course, students will gain a deeper understanding of interpreting the music of J.S. Bach and Baroque music in general, both as listeners and as performers
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MUSI UN3239 INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITION I. 3.00 points.
Composition in shorter forms. Students will compose new works for the cello, with a focus on diverse approaches to the instrument. Student pieces will be workshopped, rehearsed, and performed (and/or recorded)
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MUSI UN3241 ADVANCED COMPOSITION I. 3.00 points.
Composition Faculty
Prerequisites: UN3239/Intro to Comp I
Composition in more extended forms. Study of advanced techniques of contemporary composition. Readings of student works
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MUSI UN3310 TECHNIQUES OF 20TH CENTURY MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: MUSI UN2319 or the instructor's permission.
Materials, styles, and techniques of 20th and 21st century music. Musical concepts and compositional techniques related to serialism and atonality, timbre, orchestration, indeterminacy, rhythm and temporality, electronic and electro-acoustic music, site-specific composition, graphic notation, recomposition, minimalism, and spectralism

MUSI UN3316 EAR-TRAINING III. 1.00 point.
 Sight-singing techniques of modulating diatonic melodies in simple, compound, or irregular meters that involve complex rhythmic patterns. Emphasis is placed on four-part harmonic dictation of modulating phrases
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### AHMM UN3320 MUSIC IN EAST ASIA. 3.00 points.

A topical approach to the concepts and practices of music in relation to other arts in the development of Asian civilizations.

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### AHMM UN3321 MUSICS OF INDIA & WEST ASIA. 3.00 points.

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### MUSI UN3342 Beyond Boundaries: Radical Black Experimental Music. 3 points.

This discussion seminar focuses on African American composer/improvisers in the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries whose work rejects and critiques simplistic compartmentalization in terms of improvisation, composition, genre, gender, race, and place. On the contrary, these musicians embody Duke Ellington's famous dictum regarding great music being "beyond category." Students will critically discuss some of the common threads in this network—musicians’ means of creating and performing their original music, its distribution in the marketplace and surrounding critical discourse, their engagement with issues of race, gender, and class within and outside of their communities, and interdisciplinary and community-based collaboration. Musical communities such encompassed in this course include the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM), Sun Ra's Arkestra, and the Jazz Composers Guild and extends up to the current day to include contemporary artists such as Nicole Mitchell, Matana Roberts, and Tyshawn Sorey. The incredibly rich multifarious pieces and performances that we will listen to and discuss reference and incorporate elements of improvisation, theatre, twelve-tone serialism, aleatoric composition, bebop, electro-acoustic and computer music, conduction, popular music, the voice, free jazz, Afrofuturism, the blues, orchestral music, opera, and graphic notation.

### MUSI UN3343 Shades of Brown: Music in the South Asian Diaspora . 3 points.

This course explores the musical world of the South Asian diaspora in Europe and North America. We will read ethnographic accounts of diasporic musics and experiences and develop methods for analysis and interpretation of such accounts, situating the songs of the South Asian diaspora within its broader social history. We will address the concepts of belonging and identity, nostalgia and affect, and the dismantling or upholding of dominant discourses such as gender, race, and caste. Our focus will be on the last half century, although deeper histories will need to be considered. Students will learn to analyze instrumentation and lyrics in various genres and traditions of South Asian music, including both art, folkloric, and popular idioms, and to correlate these with aspects of the social context of diaspora. While the specific focus of the course is on a particular diasporic history, the class will help students understand and think critically about the broader phenomenon of “diaspora” and its cultural dimensions, and through this to engage critically with important aspects of cultural globalization and migration.

Students from all departments are welcome. Reading music not required.
MUSI UN3344 Curating Popular Music: From Song Pluggers to Spotify. 3 points.
How is popular music made popular? And who makes it popular? This
discussion-based course seeks to answer these questions by focusing on
the critical role that music industry professionals—song pluggers,
sheet music publishers, producers, talent scouts, record executives, and
content curators—have played in shaping the markets of production,
circulation, and consumption of popular music in the United States from
the beginning of the twentieth century to the present day. Readings,
listening selections, and class discussion will address a number of key
genres of American popular music—Tin Pan Alley, folk, blues, country,
rock, pop, and hip hop—while individual assignments (including a final
project centered on creating and producing a podcast) will allow students
to apply the knowledge gained in class to genres, styles, and works of
their own choosing. Students will not be required to have prior knowledge
of music theory or to be able to read music. Completion of Masterpieces
of Western Music: “Music Humanities” (HUMA UN 1123) is preferred, but
not required.

MUSI UN3400 TOPICS IN MUSIC # SOCIETY. 3.00 points.
Music Majors and Concentrators.

This course seeks to approach the study of music and society by
comparatively studying repertoires from different parts of the world,
how the history of ideas and methods of studying such repertoires
shaped them, the practices that constitute them and the ways they are
understood and used by different peoples. Central to this course is the
interrelationship between the constitution of a repertoire and the history
of the construction of knowledge about it.

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Instructor: George Murer  Points: 3.00  Enrollment: 20/35

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Course Number: 3400  Section/Call Number: 001/10078  Times/Location: T Th 4:10pm - 5:25pm 622 Dodge Building
Instructor: Ruth Opara  Points: 3.00  Enrollment: 19/30

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MUSI UN3410 The Polycultural Roots of U.S. Popular Music. 3.00 points.
This course will explore the rich hybrid development of U.S. popular
music genres and vernacular music traditions. Focusing on the
contributions of Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and African American
musicians and musical traditions in addition to European American
musicians and musical traditions, in genres as various as country music,
hip hop, jazz, reggaeton, and rock, students will enlarge their sense of
the multiracial and crosscultural makeup of the music that constitutes
“American popular music.”
MUSI UN3995 HONORS RESEARCH. 2.00-3.00 points.

Open to honors candidates in music only.

Prerequisites: a formal proposal to be submitted and approved prior to registration; see the director of undergraduate studies for details. A creative/scholarly project conducted under faculty supervision, leading to completion of an honors essay, composition, or the equivalent of an undergraduate study for details. A creative/scholarly project conducted under faculty supervision, leading to completion of an honors essay, composition, or the equivalent

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MUSI UN3998 SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT STUDY. 2.00-3.00 points.

Prerequisites: approval prior to registration; see the director of undergraduate studies for details. A creative/scholarly project conducted under faculty supervision

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MUSI GU4060 MEDIEVAL MUSIC DRAMA. 3.00 points.
In this seminar we will study examples of music drama from the tenth century to the fourteenth, taking into account both the manuscript sources and methodological questions raised by transformative works at the intersection of literature, music, and ritual

MUSI GU4108 Critical Approaches to Opera Studies. 3.00 points.
Why opera now? In what ways can a 400-year-old art form speak to the needs of contemporary society? This seminar provides an introduction to critical opera studies: we will analyze a broad range of lyric repertory (spanning from Monteverdi to Saariaho) while interrogating the debates these works have generated, both historically and in the present day. Topics to be considered include: operatic institutions and conventions; gender and voice; theories of "text" and liveness; modernist staging; the troubling legacies of Empire and exoticism; and the intersections of opera and multimedia (opera on/as film, opera in HD, site-specific opera). Wherever possible, this course will incorporate live performance in New York, engaging the Metropolitan Opera as well as institutions for "indie" opera and new music. While completion of Music Humanities is a suggested pre-requisite, this class welcomes interdisciplinary perspectives. Individual assignments may be tailored to accommodate student interests and backgrounds outside of the field of music

Fall 2024: MUSI GU4108
Course Number 001/10081
Section/Call Number
Times/Location Th 4:10pm - 6:00pm
Instructor Julia Doe
Points 3.00
Enrollment 7/15
620 Dodge Building

MUSI GU4113 Medieval Mediterranean Love Songs. 4.00 points.
This seminar will focus on love poetry in the medieval western Mediterranean. Readings will consist primarily of medieval lyric in Old Occitan, Galician Portuguese, Old French, Italian, and Castilian in conversation with concurrent kinds forms of the lyric in classical Arabic and medieval Hebrew from medieval Iberia and Italy. Most weeks will include listening examples but a background in music is not a prerequisite. All texts will be available in translation; original texts will also be made available. We will emphasize close reading and analysis, often addressing the relationship between text and music

Spring 2024: MUSI GU4113
Course Number 001/11594
Section/Call Number
Times/Location Th 12:10pm - 2:00pm
Instructor Isabelle Levy
Points 4.00
Enrollment 15/17
701a Dodge Building
Susan Boynton

MUSI GU4122 SONGS OF THE TROUBADOURS. 4.00 points.
This interdisciplinary seminar approaches the songs of the troubadours as poetic and musical traditions. Together we will develop methods for analysis and interpretation, situate the songs within literary and social history, and address broad issues such as the nature of performance, the interplay between oral transmission and writing, the origins of troubadour poetry, fin’amor, and gender. Students will learn to analyze the poetic and musical structure of the songs and to transcribe and edit them from medieval manuscripts. Weekly assignments in Paden’s Introduction to Old Occitan will familiarize students with the language of the texts; one hour a week will be devoted to reading Paden’s book. Students from all departments are welcome

Fall 2024: MUSI GU4122
Course Number 001/10083
Section/Call Number
Times/Location F 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Instructor Susan Boynton
Points 4.00
Enrollment 2/12
701a Dodge Building

MUSI GU4230 Sounding Alternative Perspectives in Electronic Music. 3.00 points.
In this seminar we will explore examples of electronic music composition and practice as propositions that centered situated perspective and dialogic world-making in the creative space as a means of resistance. We will look at historical and contemporary figures that animated alternative identity articulations, proposed distributed power dynamics, and challenged environmental bifurcations from the grounded and speculative province of music making. We will engage feminist methodologies in our approach, as they uphold the supposition that practice is praxis and scholarship, and support collective learning techniques. Readings in critical theory, musicology, and media studies will support our research as well as practice-based projects. With this seminar we will ask how electronic music functioned(s) as place or form of identity formation and challenge to normative expression. Can electronic music work as an experience that resists patriarchal and/ or colonial structures or disciplines? What strategies have been taken that reset or rescript techno-masculinist spaces, tools and practices? And how can we create an analysis method that makes these qualities legible? No in-depth experience with either computers or electronic music is required, though music and sound will be the principle focus of our inquiry. Interdisciplinary methods of critical response and analysis will be explored in this class

MUSI GU4308 Theory and Analysis of Jazz and Improvisation. 3.00 points.
This course explores diverse approaches to analyzing jazz and improvisation. Students will engage with analytical methods stemming from both scholars and improvisers, learn to apply traditional analytical approaches, examine critical issues underlying them, and develop new applications of heretofore underexamined ones. We will focus alternatively on harmony, solos, interaction, cognition, rhythm, and pedagogy, among other issues, and the survey will afford students insight into the priorities, methodologies, outcomes, and shortcomings of each of them. Additionally, the course covers theoretical texts produced by improvising musicians, as well as instances where improvisers engage with preexisting theoretical texts. Finally, we will also examine intersections between identity—encompassing issues such as race, ethnicity, gender, and class among others—and music theory. We will investigate characterizations of music theory, composition, and improvisation in terms of identity and suggest ways that we might incorporate the diverse range of theorists and analysts in our course into larger intellectual and musical histories

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MUSI GU4325 Topics in Music Cognition. 3.00 points.
This advanced seminar builds on the Introduction to Music Cognition (MUSIC UN2320) with an in-depth inquiry into selected key topics in the field of Music Cognition. Specific topics vary each year, depending on interest and availability of instructors, and include human development; evolution; communication and music's relation to language; embodied knowledge; first-person awareness; metaphor; ineffability; neuroscience; mental representations; memory and anticipation; cross-cultural studies; emotions; musical aesthetics; artificial intelligence; agency; creativity; and music's relation to other art forms. Each semester the course delves into recent research on 3–4 of these topics, focusing in particular on how this research can be applied to questions of musical knowledge. Advanced readings are drawn from fields as diverse as music theory, psychology, biology, anthropology, philosophy, and neuroscience. They include general works in cognitive science, theoretical work focused on specific musical issues, and reports of empirical research.

MUSI GU4360 ANALYSIS OF TONAL MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Detailed analysis of selected tonal compositions. This course, for advanced undergraduates and beginning graduates, is intended to develop understanding of tonal compositions and of theoretical concepts that apply to them, through study of specific works in various forms and styles.

MUSI GU4380 Topics in Sound Studies. 3.00 points.
Sound studies is a burgeoning interdisciplinary field that explores the question of how does listening to sound, beyond having a phone conversation or listening to your favorite tunes, influence culture, knowledge, and society by initiating dialogues across musicology, philosophy, cultural studies, disability studies, race and gender studies, and science and technology studies. In this course, students will examine three interrelated debates within the field: 1. the role of sound in understanding and uncovering historical and cultural knowledge; 2. the function of sound in the invention of media and technologies that have transformed listening culture; 3. the capacity of sound to shape social perceptions of race and gender. Reading texts that have revolutionized the way we think about sound, students will learn how sound and listening participated in historical and contemporary meaning-making.

MUSI GU4407 Songs and Sounds of Protest of Latin America and the Caribbean: Relistening to the 1960s and 1970s. 3.00 points.
This course is a topical (not comprehensive) survey of musical-poetic manifestations from Latin America, the Caribbean and their diasporas that emerged during the 1960s and the 1970s. The course revisits this time period by exploring the contributions of myriad countries among which Puerto Rico, Brazil, Nicaragua, Cuba, Québec, Haiti, Chile, Argentina, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Martinique/Guadeloupe, and the United States (with a strong emphasis on New York). It analyzes objects and experiences engaged in contesting colonialism, settler colonialism, imperialism, patriarchy, racism, capitalism and Eurocentrism highlighting as well the limits (and limitations) of these radical discourses. Using a decolonial/postcolonial lens and an ethnomusicological approach, the course pays careful attention to the politics of these musics, their historical context and aesthetics, and the social imaginary of those who made them possible.

MUSI GU4418 Music and Fashion. 3.00 points.
Fashion has been integral to musical performance practices, and music continues to influence fashion. As a result, specific music genres and practitioners are linked to particular fashion trends and movements that represent their persona and appearance. In various cultures around the world, music and fashion play a significant role in marking identity, as practitioners' cultural heritage impacts the choice of costumes they wear during performances in different spaces and times. Spread through live performances and mass-mediated technology, consumers and fans of these practitioners also adopt and integrate these fashion trends into their everyday styles. This class explores Some of the questions: How does fashion become a visual representation of specific music cultures, subcultures, genres, movements, and artists? How does fashion reflect, influence, inspire, evolve, spread, sustain, represent, affect, and communicate musical ideas? To answer these questions, musical fashion icons such as Beyoncé, Prince, Rihanna, Lady Gaga, and David Bowie, and genres like Hip Hop, rock, Opera, K-pop, Afrobeat, and other global genres are examined through written scholarships, analysis of music performances and costumes, and their appearances in events and everyday life. This class explores how fashion trends influence sounds and vice versa, how they mark identity through music, embody symbolic sounds, and attract music consumers and fans who perpetuate these trends.
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MUSI GU4515 CONDUCTING MUSIC. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: advanced music major and extensive contemporary music background.
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MUSI GU4525 INSTRUMENTATION. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: extensive musical background. Analysis of instrumentation, with directional emphasis on usage, ranges, playing techniques, tone colors, characteristics, interactions and tendencies, all derived from the classic orchestral repertoire. Topics will include theoretical writings on the classical repertory as well as 20th century instrumentation and its advancement. Additional sessions with live orchestral demonstrations are included as part of the course

MUSI GU4630 RECORDED SOUND. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: The instructor’s permission. As music moves into the 21st century, we find ourselves surrounded by an ever-evolving landscape of technological capability. The world of music, and the music industry itself, is changing rapidly, and with that change comes the opening – and closing – of doorways of possibility. What does this shift mean for today’s practicing artist or composer? With big label recording studios signing and nurturing fewer and fewer artists, it seems certain that, today, musicians who want to record and distribute their music need to be able to do much of the recording and production work on their own. But where does one go to learn how to do this – to learn not only the "how to" part of music production, but the historical underpinnings and the development of the music production industry as well? How does one develop a comprehensive framework within which they can place their own artistic efforts? How does one learn to understand what they hear, re-create what they like and develop their own style? This class, “Recorded Sound,” aims to be the answer. It’s goal is to teach artists how to listen critically to music from across history and genres in order to identify the production techniques that they hear, and reproduce those elements using modern technology so they can be incorporated into the artist's own musical works.

MUSI GU4802 Sound, Music and Death. 3 points.
This seminar is an exploration of the roles of sound and music play in people's attempts to grapple with death and its many auras. We will read literature from ethnomusicology, anthropology, and sound studies, and listen to musics from many parts of the world, so as to investigate how 1) the processes of aging, decay, and mourning; 2) metaphorical deaths including war and exile; and 3) imaginations of afterlives resound among the living.

MUSI GU4810 Sound: Foundations. 3.00 points.
This foundational course in sound will begin by exploring how listening happens as well the tools necessary capture and present that listening. Through hands-on experimentation and demonstration, this seminar will examine both the technical and semiotic use of sound as amaterial within creative practice. Fundamental studio techniques will be explored including soldering for building cables, microphones, and loudspeakers. We will also explore the building blocks of analog and digital processes for the creation of sound, including microphones (types, patterns, and placement), basic synthesis, and techniques for recording, mixing, editing, and mastering. Through creative projects that implement these skills we will learn by doing. We will study theories of sound and listening that determine or are determined by technology, from the physical and social dimensions of the sounds we use to create, language (sound as a symbol or object), acoustics (sound in space), acousmatics (sound without a visual reference), and psycho-acoustics (sound as cognitive process). This class assumes no prior knowledge or technical skill. Some reading will be assigned and we will look and listen to a lot of work, students are encouraged to participate actively in discussions.

MUSI GU4998 SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1.00-3.00 points.
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There are currently no cross-listed courses for your department.