UMBC UGC New Course Request: MUSC 252: Music in Wartime

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COURSE INFORMATION:

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<th>Course Number(s)</th>
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<td>Formal Title</td>
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<td>Transcript Title</td>
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<td>Recommended Course Preparation</td>
<td>100 level course in Music, History, English, Philosophy, Gender &amp; Women’s Studies, American Studies, Judaic Studies, Sociology, Psychology, Africana Studies, Religious Studies, Media &amp; Communication Studies, or with permission of instructor.</td>
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<td>Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.</td>
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<td>Credits</td>
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<td>Repeatable?</td>
<td>□ Yes □ No</td>
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<td>3 This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.</td>
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PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION (no longer than 75 words):

Explores the emotional, practical, and political uses of music during specific times of war and violent conflict worldwide. Topics may include the Bosnian War, the American Civil War, WWII, the Vietnam War, USA involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Dutch colonization of Bali, and South African apartheid. Students will examine how soldiers, prisoners, civilians, and nations used music during these times for such disparate purposes as entertainment, propaganda, protest, torture, grieving, and community healing.

RATIONALE FOR NEW COURSE:

Recent interest in scholarship and in the popular press regarding the use of music for torture at Guantanamo Bay and the playlists of US American soldiers in Afghanistan demonstrates the need for broad examination of the various uses and meanings that music can hold for any population affected by war, including as a catalyst for social change, as a strand of hope for the future, and as a weapon. We are planning to offer this course annually, and it will be an elective for music majors as well as an important offering for non-majors. We are offering it at the 200 level as it will be useful for students to have had an introductory course in one of the CAHSS disciplines as preparation for the various disciplines represented in the course. Standard tests and quizzes provide assessments that will lead to standard A-F grading. The course cannot be repeated for credit.

ATTACH COURSE OUTLINE (mandatory):
Music in Wartime

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Distribution Area: Arts and Humanities
Competencies: Oral and Written Communication; Critical Analysis and Reasoning

Assessment
Students will be assessed via 2 exams, 5 scheduled quizzes, participation, and an individual project that will take the form of a podcast and written script.

Students will have the opportunity to select from the following topics for their podcast:
1) Interviews with Veterans, protestors, or others involved on the homefront during WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or the Wars with Iraq or Afghanistan
2) An extension of a pre-existing exhibit in a museum, battlefield, memorial, or fort that currently does not include music
3) A student-selected report that expands upon a category of music we will cover in class

Grading Breakdown
Exams (Midterm and Final): 40%
Listening Quizzes (5): 30%
Podcast: 20%
Participation: 10%

Schedule of Classes
Overview - 1 class day
Why Music in Wartime? Understanding Conflict Through Music
How to talk about and listen to music


Patriotism and Propaganda: On the Home Front – 4 class days
Patriotism at Home: United States, pre WWII
Musical Characteristics of Patriotic Music
Listening:
“Chester,” William Billings (Revolutionary War)
“We are Coming, Father Abraham, 300,000 More,” George Cooper (Civil War: Union)
“The Bonnie Blue Flag,” Harry Macarthy (Civil War: Confederate)
“Over There,” George M. Cohan (WWI)

Reading:
Patriotism at Home: United States, WWII

*Listening:*
- “Rose the Riveter” ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2E613J9m0I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2E613J9m0I))
- “Jump Children,” The International Sweethearts of Rhythm ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94fcqEkPmSk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94fcqEkPmSk))
- “Blues in the Groove,” Ina Ray Hutton & the Melodears ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-6QE7YJU8U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-6QE7YJU8U))

*Reading:*

Propaganda: Civil War Minstrelsy

*Listening:*
- “Kingdom Coming,” Henry Clay Work ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqV1Sy4qXHA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqV1Sy4qXHA))
- “Jine de Army,” unknown

*Reading:*

Propaganda: Anti-Japanese Sentiment in WWII

*Listening:*
- “You’re a Sap, Mr. Jap,” Carl Hoff, sung by the Murphy Sisters

*Readings:*

**Music To Incite Violence** – 4 class days

Music To Incite Violence

*Listening:*
- “Kosova Calls for Peace”
- “Uragan Çohen Krenarët” (The Proud Ones Rise Up Like a Hurricaine), Adelina Ismajli
- “Toka e përgjakur” (The Blood-Stained Land), Syzana Tahirsylaj
- “A vritet pafajësia?” (Should Innocence Be Slaughtered?), Leonora Jakupi

*Reading:*

Music as Weapon, Music as Torture
Reading:

Video:
*Songs of War.* Al Jazeera World (Documentary on Christopher Cerf’s music at Guantanamo) [http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/aljazeeraworld/2012/05/201253072152430549.html](http://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/aljazeeraworld/2012/05/201253072152430549.html)

On the Front Lines – 3 class days
Entertainment for the troops: WWII and Vietnam
[Show VHS tape in class: Entertaining the troops: American entertainers in WWII (UMVID 3800)]

Listening:

Reading:

US Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq

Readings:

Review Day: 1 class day
Midterm: 1 class day

Music To Resist, Music as a Catalyst for Change – 6 class days
The Civil War: Voices of African-Americans

Listening:
“Steal Away to Jesus,” spiritual
“Many Thousands Go,” Civil War slave song

Reading:
Music in the Holocaust

Listening:
*Quartet for the End of Time*, Olivier Messiaen
"Dachau Lied," Herbert Zipper and Jura Soyfer
"Die Moorsoldaten (The Soldiers of the Moor)," Rudi Goguel, Johann Esser, and Wolfgang Langhoff
"Dos elnte kind (The Lonely Child)," Yankl Krimski and Shmerke Kaczerginski
"Yisrolik," Misha Veksler and Leyb Rozental

[www.ushmm.org/exhibition/music/](http://www.ushmm.org/exhibition/music/)

Readings:

Vietnam Protest music:

Listening:
“Blowin’ in the Wind,” Bob Dylan
“Where Have All the Flowers Gone,” Peter, Paul, and Mary
“The Merry Minuet,” The Kingston Trio
“Ballad of the Unknown Soldier,” Barbara Dane
“I Feel Like I’m Fixin’ to Die Rag,” Country Joe McDonald
“Bring ‘Em Home,” Pete Seeger
“Come In Out of the Rain,” Parliament
“Vietnam (You Son of a Gun),” Sammy Brown
“Ohio,” Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
“Vietnam,” Jimmy Cliff

Reading:

South African protest music

Listening:
“Umandela uth’a ihlome,” Xhosa struggle song, Polokwane Choral Society
“lindonga za Jeriko,” Zulu folk/anti-Apartheid song, Polokwane Choral Society
“Lesang Magwala a Cheche,” Sotho/Zulu protest/power song, Polokwane Choral Society

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfKVjQNdNcE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfKVjQNdNcE)

Reading:

**After the War: Grieving and Healing** – 6 class days
Balinese Gamelan
Guest Lecture: Dr. Gina Beck
Mourning in Interwar France

*Listening:* Maurice Ravel, *Le tombeau de Couperin*  
Claude Debussy, *Noël des enfants qui non plus de maison*

*Reading:*

Britten's *War Requiem*

*Listening:*
Benjamin Britten, *War Requiem*

*Readings:*

Music To Heal: Most Duša and Pontanima in Sarajevo

Guest Speaker: Tijana Vignjevic

*Listening:*
“Puhnut Će Behar,” Bosnian Ilahija (Islamic Song of Praise), Pontanima  
“Ej Allahu, Pogledaj Me,” Bosnian Ilahija (Islamic Song of Praise), Pontanima  
“Duhovni Stih,” Slavonic Orthodox Church, Village Harmony

*Video:*
Short Documentary on Pontanima:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YE-AbhEwR8E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YE-AbhEwR8E)

*Readings:*

**Wrapping Up and Review** - 2 *class days*