

PROJECTS AND PROBLEMS IN MUSIC

MUS 4905

Fall 2025, 3 Credits

Individually Scheduled

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course includes independent research for undergraduate students in ethnomusicology or music history and literature.

Course Objective

- To engage in meaningful research activities within the fields of musicology and/or ethnomusicology.

Required Texts

No textbooks or materials are required for the course, as each student will develop an individualized research plan with their instructor. Students are responsible for finding sources they need by using UF libraries to the fullest extent, as well as effectively using resources such as specialty libraries, credible online repositories, and archives. If students experience any trouble finding materials, or if they need letters of recommendation to access a library or archive, they should ask the instructor for assistance.

Course Schedule

There is no set course schedule, as each student will develop an individualized research plan with their instructor.

Course Evaluation/Grading

It is expected that written and verbal feedback from the instructor will help shape and/or improvements students' research as the semester progresses. It is also understood that goals/progress evaluation will not be the same for all students. Evaluation will be consistent with, and reflective of each student's ability level. Students may inquire about their progress at any point in the semester.

A Satisfactory grade will be awarded if:

- The student creates an individualized research plan, which is approved by the instructor.
- The student schedules and attends regular meetings during the semester to discuss their research.
- The student clearly incorporates feedback and works to improve their research during the course of the semester.

An Unsatisfactory will be awarded if one or more of the following occurs:

- The student does not create an individualized research plan.
- The student does not schedule and attend regular meetings during the semester to discuss their research.
- The student ignores feedback and their research stagnates during the course of the semester.

Course Policies

Generally, information about university-wide policies and resources is available at <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>.

Attendance: Requirements for class attendance are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

Students Requiring Accommodation: Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs as early as possible in the semester.

Academic Honesty: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge, which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: ‘On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.’” The Conduct Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

Using someone else’s ideas in a written paper without providing proper recognition of the source (plagiarizing) are serious matters. Anyone caught plagiarizing is subject to an automatic U and further disciplinary action. All violations of academic honesty will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action without exception. Instances of plagiarism will be treated on an individual basis, but can result in a failing grade for the course.

UF Evaluations Process: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Withdrawal and Drop Information

- August 27: Withdrawal without a fee
- September 12: Withdrawal with 25% refund
- November 17: Withdrawal deadline (W assigned)
- November 18-December 3: Drop and Withdrawal after deadline (petition required)