General Education Course Information Sheet
Please submit this sheet for each proposed course

Department & Course Number
MUS HST 79
Course Title
Dancehall, Rap, Reggaeton: Beats, Rhymes, and Routes
Indicate if Seminar and/or Writing II course

1. Check the recommended GE foundation area(s) and subgroup(s) for this course

   Foundations of the Arts and Humanities
   • Literary and Cultural Analysis
   • Philosophic and Linguistic Analysis
   • Visual and Performance Arts Analysis and Practice

   Foundations of Society and Culture
   • Historical Analysis
   • Social Analysis

   Foundations of Scientific Inquiry
   • Physical Science
     With Laboratory or Demonstration Component must be 5 units (or more)
   • Life Science
     With Laboratory or Demonstration Component must be 5 units (or more)

2. Briefly describe the rationale for assignment to foundation area(s) and subgroup(s) chosen.

   The course will analyze the history, aesthetics, and social relevance of the following musical genres: dancehall, rap, and reggaeton. In addition, it will introduce students to a variety of related musical genres and increase their ability to hear differences among styles of popular music and to interpret the meanings of such differences.

3. "List faculty member(s) who will serve as instructor (give academic rank):
   Jerome Camal, Visiting Assistant Professor

   Do you intend to use graduate student instructors (TAs) in this course? Yes x No 
   If yes, please indicate the number of TAs 2

4. Indicate when you anticipate teaching this course over the next three years:

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5. GE Course Units
   Is this an existing course that has been modified for inclusion in the new GE? Yes ___ No x
   If yes, provide a brief explanation of what has changed.

   Present Number of Units: ________ Proposed Number of Units: ________
6. Please present concise arguments for the GE principles applicable to this course.

- **General Knowledge**
  This course will introduce students to the history of cultural exchanges between the United States and the Caribbean basin. In addition, the course will equip students with key concepts for the study of cultures of the African diaspora.

- **Integrative Learning**

- **Ethical Implications**

- **Cultural Diversity**
  By emphasizing the role of migration and technology in shaping musical practices, this course encourages students to think critically about issues of racial, national, and gender essentialism.

- **Critical Thinking**
  The syllabus requires students to read a number of scholarly publications, evaluate their theoretical contributions and use these concepts to think critically about the role of music in society.

- **Rhetorical Effectiveness**
  Students are required to complete a five-page paper in which they present a clearly constructed argument.

- **Problem-solving**

- **Library & Information Literacy**

### (A) STUDENT CONTACT PER WEEK (if not applicable write N/A)

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**Total Student Contact Per Week**: 5 hours

### (B) OUT-OF-CLASS HOURS PER WEEK (if not applicable write N/A)

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**Total Out-of-class time per week**: 10 hours

**Grand Total (A) + (B) must equal at least 15 hours/week**: 15 hours
Dancehall, Rap, Reggaeton: Beats, Rhymes, and Routes in the African Diaspora

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Description

This course surveys the history of three closely connected music genres: Jamaican dancehall, U.S. rap, and Puerto-Rican/Panamanian reggaeton. It will introduce students to the major performers in each genre, compare the stylistic traits associated with each music, and explore the technologies associated with contemporary music production. We will attend to these musics’ economic histories to highlight their movement from the margins to the center of the global marketplace. By taking this hemispheric perspective, we will be able to better assess the role of migration and technology in shaping musical creations. This transnational approach will also enable us to scrutinize the representation of gender, ethnicity, and nationality within the African diaspora.

Objectives

• This course offers an introduction to the concepts relevant to musics of the African diaspora through a limited case study of contemporary genres.
• The class will introduce students to the aesthetics of dancehall, rap, and reggaeton and equip them with the adequate terminology to describe and compare these musical genres.
• In addition, it will introduce students to a variety of related musical genres and increase their abilities to hear differences among performances and styles of popular music and to interpret the meanings of such differences.
• The course will help students acquire greater knowledge of U.S. and circum-Caribbean history. It will draw attention to the social and political contexts that have shaped the emergence of these musical styles: the struggle to establish an independent state in Jamaica, social and urban policies in the United States, Puerto Rico’s disputed status as an incorporated U.S. territory, and Panama’s complex historical and geographic relations to the United States, South America, and the Caribbean.
• It will help students understand how technology affects the creation and distribution of popular music.
• It will demonstrate how music participates in the representation and expression of racial, ethnic, national, and gender identities.
• Conversely, by emphasizing the role of migration and technology in creating transnational connections among musicians, the course will encourage students to challenge ideas of national, racial, or gender essentialism.
• Thus students will learn to appreciate the stakes and motives behind the controversies and debates that have always surrounded popular musics.

Reading and Listening Assignments

Principal Texts

Additional Readings
Additional reading assignments are available through the course website on the CCLE.

Listening Assignments
The listening examples are available through the music library’s digital audio reserve site.

Course Requirements and Grades

Quizzes – 20%
Lectures and reading assignments are designed to complement rather than duplicate each other. In addition, we will spend a significant amount of class time building up your listening skills. For these reasons, it is essential that you attend both lectures and discussion groups, and that you complete all reading and listening assignments prior to coming to class. To emphasize this point, there will be several unannounced quizzes throughout the quarter. Each quiz will cover only the material assigned for that day. Your average score on these quizzes will be worth 20% of your final grade. **There will be no make-up quiz, no exceptions.** However, the worst quiz grade will be ignored.

Participation – 10%
This class will be most successful if it becomes an active learning community. In a effort to work towards that goal, you are required to become active participants in weekly discussion groups.
and online forums. Each mode of participation (face-to-face and virtual) will be worth 5% of your final grade.

**Exams – 50%**

There will be three exams through the quarter. These exams are non-cumulative, although you will be expected to draw comparisons with material studied earlier in the quarter. Each will consist of a listening section, multiple choice, definitions, and two brief essay questions. **There can be no make-up exams without impressive documentation of medical emergency or extraordinary hardship. There will be no exceptions to this policy.** If you know that you will be unable to attend one of the exams, it may be necessary for you to drop the class.

**Paper – 20%**

For full credit, you must attend a concert, watch a documentary or a movie, or listen to an album featuring dancehall, dub, hip hop, reggaeton, or any closely related musical genre during the course of the quarter and write a 3 to 5 page paper (12-point type, double spaced) in which you describe the music, its context, and your response to it. Papers must be uploaded onto the CCLE by the last day of class. Late papers will lose a third of a letter grade for each day thereafter (A to A- to B+, etc.). While you have a lot of liberty in choosing what to write about, you must submit a one-page proposal through the CCLE by the third week of class, although you are welcome to submit it earlier. Your proposal should identify the concert, movie, or album that you will write above and offer a brief justification of your choice. The professor or TAs will then either approve your topic or make suggestions for improvement.

You will be expected to draw on the terminology and concepts learned during the course of the quarter in your paper. If the music is related to something that we have covered in class, you should make specific reference to our class assignments and discussions. If it is not, you may want to consult outside sources to give yourself some background. *The Encyclopedia of Popular Music*, the *Music and Performing Arts Online* (MPA), *RoJaRo* (Rock, Jazz, Roots), and *Rock’s Back Pages* are great starting points. All are available either in print in the music library or online through the music library webpage (http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/music/). You can also see the instructor or TAs for other suggestions.

Your paper should present your own reaction to the music and to the event. Please note that you will not be penalized for having a negative opinion: I am interested in your reaction and in your ability to articulate it using the concepts discussed in class.

**Important:** Direct quotations, as well as summaries, paraphrases, or adaptations of another person’s ideas or research, must always be cited in your text using footnotes, endnotes, or another standard citation format. Students are encouraged to follow the guidelines of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, but other formats will be accepted as well. Please see the instructor or TAs if you need more information about proper citation methods.

**Students with special needs**

If you have a legitimate need for extra time on tests (e.g. because you have a documented physical or learning disability), please inform the instructor during the first week of class.
Academic Honesty
Please consult the UCLA Student Conduct Code for more information regarding your responsibilities as a student. The online tutorial provided by Bruin Success with Less Stress (http://www.library.ucla.edu/bruinsuccess) can help you understand intellectual property issues and proper citation techniques; helpful advice can also be found at: http://www.deanofstudents.ucla.edu/.

Schedule

Week 1

Session A: Introduction

Session B: Slavery and African Retention in the Americas

Readings

Listening
“Güiro ensemble rhythms,” Music in the Hispanic Caribbean.
Enerolisa Núñez y el Grupo de Salve de mata los Indios, “India del agua,” Music in the Hispanic Caribbean.
“Bomba sicá rhythms,” Music from the Hispanic Caribbean.

Week 2

Session A: Music, Race, and the Heritage of Colonialism in Jamaica and the United States

Reading
Stolzoff, Chapter 2.

Listening
Robert Johnson, “Cross Road Blues,” King of Delta Blues.


Reading
Stolzoff, Chapters 3 and 4
Listening

Week 3

Session A: From Roots Reggae to Dub
Reading
Stolzoff, Chapter 5
Listening

Session B: Test 1

Week 4

Session A: Popular Music in New York in the 1970s: Salsa, Disco
Reading
Manuel, Peter. “Salsa and Beyond.” In Caribbean Currents, revised and expanded edition.
Barker, Hugh and Yuval Taylor. “Love to Love You Baby: Disco and the Mechanization of
Music.” In Faking It: The Quest for Authenticity in Popular Music. New York: Norton and
Listening
Willie Colón, “La Murga” (1973?)
Willie Colón and Ruben Blades, “Pedro Navaja” (1978)
Donna Summer, “Love to Love You Baby” (1975)
Chic, “Good Times” (1979)

Session B: The Bronx and the American Roots of Hip Hop
Reading
Rose, Tricia, “All Aboard the Night Train.” In Black Noise. 21-61.
Listening
Gil Scott Heron, “The Revolution Will Not Be Televised,” The Best of Gil Scott Heron, 1984
[1970].
Roxanne Shante, “Roxanne’s Revenge,” *Roxanne Shante Greatest Hits*.

**Week 5**

**Session A: The West Indian Roots of Hip Hop**

*Reading*
Chang, Jeff. Chapters 2 and 4. In *Can’t Stop Won’t Stop*.

*Listening*


**Session B: Turntablism**

*Watching*

*Reading*

**Week 6**

**Session A: The Latin Tinge of Early Rap**

*Reading*

*Listening*


**Session B: Rap and Black Power**

*Reading*

*Listening*


**Week 7**

**Session A: Gangsta Rap**

Chang, Jeff. Chapters 14 and 15. In *Can’t Stop Won’t Stop*. 299-353.

*Listening* [Offensive language]


Session B: Test 2

Week 8

Session A: Crossover Success and Globalization

Reading

Listening

Session B: From Rap en Español to Reggaeton

Reading
El General. “Muévelo (Move It!): From Panama to New York and Back Again, the Story of El General.” Interview with Christoph Twickel in *Reggaeton*. 99-108.

Listening
El General. “Muévelo.”

Week 9

Session A: Anatomy of a Beat

Reading

Listening

Session B: Reggaeton, Race, and Pan-Latinidad

Reading

Listening
Week 10

Session A: The Sexual Politics of Rap, Dancehall, and Reggaeton

Reading

Listening

Session B: Conclusion—Music, Race, and Technology in the African Diaspora
New Course Proposal

Music History 79
Dancehall, Rap, Reggaeton: Beats, Rhymes, and Routes in African Diaspora

Course Number Music History 79
Title Dancehall, Rap, Reggaeton: Beats, Rhymes, and Routes in African Diaspora
Short Title DNCEHALL,RAP&REGGAE
Units Fixed: 5
Grading Basis Letter grade or Passed/Not Passed
Instructional Format Lecture - 4 hours per week
Discussion - 1 hours per week
TIE Code LECS - Lecture (Plus Supplementary Activity) [T]
GE Requirement Yes
Major or Minor Requirement No
Requisites None

Course Description Lecture, four hours; discussion, one hour. Survey of histories of three closely connected music genres: Jamaican dancehall, U.S. rap, and Puerto Rican/Panamanian reggaeton. Introduction to major performers in each genre, comparison of stylistic traits associated with each music, and exploration of technologies associated with contemporary music production. P/NP or letter grading.

Justification Sustained interest in all of our GE offerings focused on popular music leads us to judge that the demand for courses on contemporary popular music continues to grow. The Musicology department currently has no courses on hip-hop, dancehall, or reggaeton, and this class would be a logic successor to Music History 64, on Motown and Soul music. We also think this class will complement, not compete with offerings in Ethnomusicology. The most closely related classes, Ethno M119 (Cultural History of Rap), M110AB (African-American Musical Heritage), and 113 (Music of Brazil) are all upper-division courses. This course will have a unique focus on issues of the Black Atlantic, creolism, and nationalism; it also will be the only course currently offered that focuses on the rich musical life of Jamaica. We anticipate the possibility that this course may be taught in some years by a member of the Ethnomusicology faculty; we are open to cross-listing it with Ethnomusicology if that is something that department is interested in doing.

Syllabus File MH 79 - Dancehall_Rap_Reggaeton_Syllabus.pdf was previously uploaded. You may view the file by clicking on the file name.

Supplemental Information

Grading Structure Quizzes: 20%
Participation: 10%
Exams: 50%
Paper: 20%

Effective Date Spring  2012
Instructor Name Jerome Camal
Title Visiting Professor

Quarters Taught ☑ Fall ☑ Winter ✔ Spring ☐ Summer
**Routing Status**

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