

COURSE DETAIL

PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of Manchester

Program(s)

University of Manchester

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

159

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC

UCEAP Transcript Title

PSYCHOLOGY OF MUSIC

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course brings together several professionals in audiology, deaf education, cognitive psychology, and mental health to outline the role of psychology in understanding music. Students learn how different disciplines within the field of psychology can be applied to the study of music. Several topics are explored from basic auditory neuroscience exploring how we perceive aspects of music such as melody, harmony, and rhythm to how music has personal meaning in the context of memory and emotion. Students explore questions like, 'Why do certain songs get stuck on repeat in my head?' How does music evoke strong emotions? Is music special: does our brain process music differently to other auditory stimuli? The course discusses what we mean by music, the basic elements of music and how the brain processes these elements. The course looks at how we appreciate music, the evolutionary function of music and whether we are born with an innate musical ability. The course considers contributions from developmental and cognitive psychology, and what these can tell us about how we process music. Finally, students look at music in clinical populations by reviewing case studies where musical ability or perception have been implicated and discussing the efficacy of music therapy in various clinical groups.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PSYC32002

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/unit-sea...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Division of Psychology and Mental Health

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