

Music and Social Action (A005637)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0 **Study time 150 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (semester 2) Dutch, English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Reynaert, Tina	LW17	staff member
Severyns, Erika	LW17	staff member

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

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Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	5	A
Exchange Programme Art Studies	5	A
Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Art History, Musicology and Theatre Studies	5	A

Teaching languages

English, Dutch

Keywords

Music, social action

Position of the course

Third bachelor in the Art History, Musicology and Theatre studies program: major music

Contents

The course introduces students to the role music can play in building social communities and in supporting social processes. The perspective is global. The Eurocentric view is transcended. Existing colonial reflexes are critically questioned. Processes of social exclusion and poverty are also examined, with a view to the contribution that music can make to the elaboration of trajectories of participation, empowerment and development. Case studies can be derived from international projects, but also from projects and initiatives in the vicinity.

Initial competences

No specific preliminary knowledge is required.

Final competences

To develop knowledge of the theoretical basis of the field of music and social action; and to be able to design and conduct a personal case study.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Seminar, Excursion, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

A large part of the teaching takes place in group discussions during seminars. Students are required to participate, with the exception of exam contract students and working students. An alternative trajectory can be agreed with them.

Study material

Type: Reader

Name: Music and social action: Reader

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : English

Number of Pages : 200

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

References

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- DeNora, Tia: 'Music in everyday life', Cambridge (UK), Cambridge University Press, 2000
- Odena, Oscar (ed): 'Music and Social Inclusion – International Research and Practice in Complex Settings', Routledge, 2022
- Sloboda, John & Bergh, Arild: 'Music and Art in Conflict Transformation: A Review', in: Music & Arts in Action (vol. 2, issue 2), 2010

Course content-related study coaching

dr. Lukas Pairon

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Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The final grade is based on the evaluation of a written paper and on participation during the seminars.

Calculation of the examination mark

3/4 for the paper, 1/4 for participation

Facilities for Working Students

Alternatives for the participation can be negotiated. The written paper also applies to working students.