

Module Specification

Summary Information

Module Code	6702MUS
Formal Module Title	Popular Music Research
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Module Pass Mark	40

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	8
Tutorial	7

Module Offering(s)

Start Month	Duration
September	28 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module aims to enable students to research an aspect of current popular music that is personally and professionally relevant and useful, building on the theoretical knowledge and research/writing skills developed in Popular Music Studies 1 and 2. Students will be enabled to identify a suitable research subject; evaluate and synthesise information, ideas and concepts from a wide range of sources; develop their research and writing skills; and produce a coherent and persuasive evidence-based argument.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
ML01	Propose a programme of research into a personally and professionally relevant aspect of popular music.
ML02	Analyse and critically evaluate a personally and professionally relevant aspect of popular music, synthesising theories and information from a range of sources.
ML03	Construct a coherent and well evidenced argument, communicated using academic writing skills and conventions.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
<p>The module is delivered through lectures and individual tutorials throughout weeks 1 to 28. Lectures focus on key research and writing skills that help students to complete the module successfully. Regular individual tutorials provide opportunities for students to discuss their work in detail with a supervising tutor. Students use private study time throughout the module to carry out independent research and write their research plan and essay.</p>
Module Overview
<p>In this module, students build on the theoretical knowledge and understanding, and research/writing skills, developed in Popular Music Studies 1 and 2, to undertake research into an aspect of current popular music that is personally and professionally relevant and useful to them. They carry out independent research using a wide range of sources to write a substantial essay, supported through a series of research and writing skills lectures, and regular individual tutorials.</p>

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Presentation	Research Plan	20	0	ML01
Essay	Essay	80	0	ML02, ML03