

Module Specification

Module Title: Contextual Studies 1 (Folk, Roots & Blues)

Module code:	X_FLK4C004R	NQF level:	Level 4
Credit value:	30 credits	Semester of study:	1 and 2
Module type:	Compulsory	Pre-requisites:	None
Available to:	BA (Hons) Music (Folk, Roots & Blues)		

Module overview

The module develops compositional/performance understanding through musicological analysis and formal frameworks. Through the examination of repertoire from global folk, roots & blues traditions and their styles, students investigate the parameters through which we assess and construct music including the consideration of how we communicate, their impact on commercial constructs, and the manner in which we can employ these parameters to the craft of composition and/or performance. Stylistic divergence and overlap will be considered along with external non-musical factors. The module also seeks to establish knowledge for the student to articulate differences or commonalities through the analysis of a range of traditions along with their musical literacies (e.g. the role of 'oral tradition' and its importance to community) along with associated instrumentation and performance practices.

Aims

This module forms part of the Contextual Studies strand of the programme and addresses core musical and academic skills that support the students' specialist study with particular reference to their pathway.

The module aims to:

1. Equip students with the fundamental skills and knowledge essential to the understanding, appreciation and creation of music.
2. Explore, evaluate and apply the core musical skills (associated with relevant repertoire if appropriate).
3. Develop an understanding of repertoire and where appropriate, explore its social and cultural context.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Integrate theory and practice.
2. Identify and evaluate the structural, cultural and social aspects of key repertoire.
3. Apply an understanding of harmonic and rhythmic conventions.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of repertoire through its social and cultural context, production and reception.

Learning and teaching methods

Lectures: concepts, principles and theories will be explored in formal lectures. They will be relevant to the particular pathway.

Workshops/seminars: skills are developed in workshops and seminars along with cognitive and personal skills in open-ended problem solving exercises by working in small groups supported by members of academic staff.

Contact hours and directed study (over semesters 1 and 2)

Delivery type	Student hours
Indicative hours for learning and teaching activities	60 hours
Indicative hours of directed study	240 hours
Total hours (100hrs per 10 credits)	300 hours

Opportunities for formative feedback

Formative oral feedback will be given in tutorials and workshops.

Assessment Method

Description of assessment	Length/Duration	Weighting	Module LOs addressed
Recording	10 minutes	20%	2, 4
Essay	2000 words	30%	2, 4
Music and reflective commentary	5 minutes of music and 1000 words	50%	1, 3

Re-Assessment Method*

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