



Course	Urban Popular Music from the Hispanic and Lusophone Worlds: Flamenco, Tango, Salsa and Fado
UVa code	40131
ECTS	6
Department	017-Didáctica de la Expresión Musical, Plástica y Corporal
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Description	This course provides a historical and contemporary perspective on flamenco, tango, salsa and fado. It deals with the musical forms, styles, aesthetics, social contexts and historical processes that contributed to the configuration of these genres. It also provides an overview of relevant repertoires, key performers, composers, lyricists and producers.
Learning outcomes	 To be able to situate flamenco, fado, tango and salsa within their historical, sociocultural and economic contexts. To identify the aesthetics and values attributed to each of these genres. To differentiate the contributions of prominent composers, performers, lyricists, and other social actors. To understand the processes of transformation experienced by these genres in different contexts. To distinguish the basic repertoires, techniques, and styles characteristic of flamenco, fado, tango and salsa.
Contents	The course is divided into five themes: 1. Introduction 2. Flamenco 3. Fado 4. Tango 5. Salsa The first theme is devoted to introduce the genres under study as hybrid, transcultural domains involving music, poetry, and dance. It also provides a comparative evention of their origins and their use in the

provides a comparative overview of their origins and their use in the construction of identities. The four remaining themes elaborate on each genre, presenting iconic performers, composers, arrangers, producers, relevant repertoires, styles and techniques, and paying attention to their corresponding processes and social meanings, values or aesthetics

within specific sociocultural, economic and political contexts.



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Teaching and learning methods

Class sessions

The basic content will be explained, illustrated and discussed in class sessions. The analysis of musical and audiovisual examples and reading assignments will be shared in the classroom. Seminar class presentations will be given by students at the end of the semester.

- <u>Autonomous work</u>

Reading, listening and analysis of musical and audiovisual examples. Individual and group study for the exams.

Preparation of individual assignments for seminar presentations.

Assessment methods

- Mid-term exam 25%
- Final exam 25%
- Oral presentation of individual assignment and group discussion in seminar class presentations 30%
- Active participation in class sessions 20%

Recommended reading

- Castelo-Branco, S. El-Shawan y S. Moreno Fernández. "Fado". En *Music in Portugal and Spain: Experiencing Music, Expressing Culture,* 61-85. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
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