



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE

ARCH-672.06 Music, Space, and Place

Term: Winter 2023

Course Instructor: David Monteyne

Credit Weight: Quarter-course 1.50 units

Timeslot: Winter term SAPL block week March 13-17

Enrolment Capacity: 15

Introduction

The course provides an opportunity to step back from planning and design work in the studios and listen to music. We won't just listen to music: we will explore and analyze a wide range of music as it relates to space and place. Goethe famously wrote that "architecture is frozen music." He probably was referring to the visual and spatial rhythms and motifs of Baroque architecture. Can we make similar analogies today? What about at different scales, such as neighbourhoods or cities? Starting from this premise, the course will go well beyond it to consider things like spaces made for music (e.g., concert halls), and especially music that evokes a sense of place (country and western, hip-hop, etc.). A music background is not necessary for this course; the instructor cannot even play the kazoo.

Course Topics

Themes to be explored in this course include, but are not limited to:

- the historical development of expertise in sound design and acoustics
- space and sound in musical theatre, opera, etc.
- the relation among memory, space, and sound/music
- songs about designers, specific buildings, cities, spaces, or places
- songs or musical genres that are associated with certain places or situations (elevator music, Seattle grunge, Colombian salsa, Indian bhangra...)
- musical instruments for specific spaces or from specific places (church pipe organs, the Hawaiian ukulele)
- national anthems, city theme songs, drinking songs, stadium rock, and team songs (Liverpool FC's "You'll Never Walk Alone")
- music videos and other visual representations of music in space or place
- the spaces of music festivals; busking; and other forms of outdoor music
- installation art, soundscapes, etc.

Teaching Approach

The course will be taught in a seminar style, with significant student participation, and students directing the themes explored via their presentations of music and research about music. The morning sessions will be used to introduce themes, discuss assigned readings, and listen to and discuss examples of music that relates to those themes. The afternoon sessions will be characterized by student presentations of songs or other examples of research on music, space, and place.

Note: Presenting a song does not mean playing an instrument and singing (although it could); rather, students may play a recorded song from their collection, from spotify, youtube, and so on, and then present an analysis of that song in relation to the themes of the course.

Objectives

1. To develop qualitative knowledge of the connections between music and sound, space and place, through primary research and documentation.
2. To analyze and interpret the role of music and other cultural products in representing, understanding, and designing space and place.
3. To undertake and understand the possibilities of design knowledge formation from cultural productions outside the design professions.
4. To explore methods for presenting information about space, place, and design that include music, sounds, or other modes of audio performance.

Student Audience

Open to all SAPL students

Assessment Components (all to be completed during Block Week)			
<i>Assessment Method</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Aligned Course Learning Outcome</i>
Presentation 1	Song about space	20%	1,2,4
Presentation 2 (group)	Sounds of spaces	30%	1,2,3,4
Presentation 3	Music, space, and place	30%	1,2,3,4
Participation	Listening, reading, engaging, discussing, providing peer feedback	20%	1,2,3,4

Assessment and Evaluation Information

Attendance and Participation Expectations: This is a short course based on continued small-group interaction. Attendance is necessary to be successful in this course.

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments: All assignments will be in the form of presentations, which will be collected in PDF at the end of class.

Final Examinations: None

Expectations for Writing (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>): None

Late Assignments: Are not possible in the format of this course.

Criteria that must be met to pass: Students must complete all three presentations in order to pass this course.

Learning Resources

Technology requirements (D2L etc.): **all readings will be posted to D2L**; students will need to upload assignments and materials to D2L. This course will take place **online** via Desire2Learn (D2L) and Zoom. Students are required to participate in the asynchronous learning tasks using the D2L learning environment and synchronous Zoom sessions. If unable to participate live due to unforeseen circumstances, inform the instructor in advance to work out an alternative participation activity.

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Broadband internet connection

University of Calgary Policies and Supports

COVID-19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS: <https://ucalgary.ca/risk/sites/default/files/Covid-19%20Folder/COVID-19-Procedure-for-Sick-Students.pdf>

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations>.

Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf>). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than Disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information on the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure please visit:

<https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>

<https://ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-academic-misconduct-procedure.pdf>

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity Website

at <https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity>.

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All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>).

INSTRUCTOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Course materials created by instructors (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the instructor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>

UNIVERSITY STUDENT APPEALS OFFICE: If a student has a concern about the course, academic matter, or a grade that they have been assigned, they must first communicate this concern with the instructor. If the concern cannot be resolved with the instructor, the student can proceed with an academic appeal, which normally begins with the Faculty.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/student-appeals>

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please visit the Registrar's website at:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines> for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk