

# TA Info Sheet and Policies

**Musicology 68: Beatles**  
**Sections 1M and 1N**  
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**Office hours:** Fridays, 9am-10am [Zoom](#)

**Class location:** SMB 1345

**Class time:** Section 1M: Fridays, 1-1:50pm; Section 1N, Fridays, 2-2:50pm

## Section outcomes

We will be using section to practice analyzing music and lyrics by way of The Beatles' catalog as well as synthesizing this analysis with Dr. Upton's lecture material. Through this, you will be able to make claims about this music, setting you up for success for your final paper. You must be able to interpret the *music*, not just the lyrics or socio-historical context. Thus, we will familiarize ourselves with musical terminology and ways of listening in order to have the proper tools. As a whole, these exercises will deepen your understanding of music more broadly and enhance your experience of music in all parts of your life.

## Section policies

Your presence is required at all section meetings. You are allowed one unexcused absence without a consequence to your section participation grade. Tardiness, unpreparedness, or lack of engagement will also affect your participation grade.

## Grading breakdown and assignment deadlines

Please make sure that you understand the assignment expectations and all the respective due dates (make notes in your calendar).

Section participation - 20%

Weekly online writing - 10%

Exams - 30% total:

Midterm - 15% **Due May 3rd, 2024**

Final - 15% **Due June 13th, 2024**

Final paper - 40% total:

Lyrical analysis - 10% **Due April 26th, 2024**

Musical analysis - 10% **Due May 17th, 2024**

Final Paper (5-6 pages) - 20% **Due May 31st, 2024**

**Communication**

Good communication is key for this course to be successful. Please ensure you check your emails daily in order to stay up to date on class assignments and schedule. One-on-one meetings with me are available during office hours. Emails will be responded to within 24 hours during normal business hours; please include 'MUSCLG 68' in the subject heading. I do not answer emails on the weekend.

**Classroom code**

I will not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, ethnic or national origin, civil status, religion, creed, political convictions, language, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, social condition, age, personal difference, etc. Above all, my classroom is a space where students should feel safe. If there is something I can do to make the class more hospitable, please let me know.

*Please refer to Dr. Upton's syllabus for further information*