Special Topics in Music

The Special Topics Seminar investigates specific applications of theories and methods of music not offered in other courses. Specific topics are announced the semester this course is offered. The seminar is open to advanced undergraduate students. Fall 2017 This course explores the origins of Rock n’ Roll: the places, people and politics that gave rise to the tide that brought dynamic changes to the cultural fabric of our country beyond anything previously imagined. We will explore the basic meanings of “Rock” and “Roll” and the necessities that drove this music forward. We will hear from the people who created it, played it, stole it, sold it, owned it and dominated it. We will investigate the context in which Rock n’ Roll was born and flourished, the ways it has moved forward into the 21st century and the changes it has wrought in our everyday lives.

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