

**OLLI@UCB**

**THE BEATLES: FROM THE WHITE ALBUM TO LET IT BE**

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Tuesdays: 10am-12noon

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Beatles are the most famous rock group in history. The reasons for this are musical as well as cultural and we will look at the two elements simultaneously.

Their late period songs from 1968-70 will be studied, with analysis of the musical and lyrical content and structural elements. What musical styles do the songs address? What were their musical influences? In what ways did their music change over the years? Why were the Beatles so popular and influential?

**COURSE CALENDAR**

June 4: Week I The White Album and the 50th Anniversary Remix

June 11: Week II Yellow Submarine: Album and Film

June 18: Week III Abbey Road

June 25: Week IV Let It Be and the Breakup

**LISTENING:**

You will need to have access to the four CDs of the Beatles' music covered in class. All of their albums are available as streaming music on iTunes, Amazon, and Spotify or you can also purchase the CDs online.

**READINGS:**

Please read the following articles for background information:

1. <https://www.thebeatles.com>
2. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Beatles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Beatles)

## **VIDEOS:**

Please watch the following performances on YouTube

1. <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebeatles>