

<b>The following information will be published on the Courses page of the <a href="#">Summer Sessions Website</a>:</b>			
<b>Course Title:</b>	Music and Cultural Tourism in Bali		
<b>Course Number:</b>	MUSL 3120	<b>Credit Hours:</b>	3
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<b>Program start date:</b>	May 9, 2026	<b>Program end date:</b>	May 31, 2026
<b>Program destination(s):</b> <i>(Each city, country - start/end date)</i>	Denpasar, Indonesia		
<b>Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?</b>	INT – International Cultures		
<b>What are the academic pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?</b>	none		
<b>What are some are some conditions or challenges that students will face?</b> <i>(Ex. Hiking long distances, extreme temperatures, rocky terrain, etc.)</i>	Heat and humidity; rural homestay (one night) with limited amenities		
<b>What is covered in the student budget:</b>	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights + included amenities):	21 nights in a hotel (wi-fi, swimming pool) + one night at a rural homestay		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 22 Total lunches: 16 Total dinners: 12		
Transportation (Airfare, public transit, etc.):	All ground transportation for program excursions, including airport transfers during program dates		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, etc.):	Textbooks/study materials, art supplies		
Excursions (Tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	All tours and admission fees included in the program		
<b>What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget:</b>	Detailed answers below.		
Lodging (Total nights):	Lodging outside of program dates		
Meals:	Total breakfasts: 1* Total lunches: 6 Total dinners: 8 (*depending on arrival and departure times)		
Transportation (international airfare, public transit, etc.):	International airfare, transportation for personal travel		
Supplies (Textbooks, gear, personal items, etc.):	Personal care items		
Excursions (Optional activities, tour fees, admission fees, etc.):	Personal activities		
<b>Visa needed for US passport holders?</b>	Yes		

Is the cost of the visa included in the student fee?	No (est. cost \$40)
Does the course have a service-learning component:	No
<b>Please provide the course description below:</b>	
<p>This Maymester course will immerse students in the performing arts traditions of Bali and the innovations that contemporary musicians and cultural workers create to help mitigate the negative impacts of tourism. Students will learn through a combination of lectures and hands-on workshops on gamelan, dance, and puppet theater led by local artists at the Mekar Bhiana Centre in Denpasar. In addition to the cultural immersion program, students will have a chance to learn about Mekar Bhiana's ongoing historical ethnographic work and projects that include reconstructing, restoring, and repatriating gamelan instruments. Excursions to a gamelan metalsmith and instrument maker, puppet museum, and temple ceremony will complement the hands-on workshops.</p> <p>Throughout the program, students will also learn about the challenges presented by cultural tourism and what Balinese organizers are doing to create a more equitable and sustainable arts industry. Since 2014, Mekar Bhiana has been partnering with local organizations such as the environmental group Trash Hero Kertalangu and Puspadi Bali, which helps empower people with disabilities through rehabilitation, education, and training programs. We will also explore how public discourse and government policies around women's emancipation have given rise to girls' and all-women gamelan ensembles that break the male-dominated tradition. Visits to other sites such as the green arts space Jiwa Community Garden and the acclaimed puppet artist I Made Sidia's art studio will provide additional opportunities for students to engage and collaborate with local artists whose work centers on environmental advocacy and community engagement.</p> <p>For more information about the program, visit <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/2026-maymester-in-indonesia/home">https://sites.google.com/view/2026-maymester-in-indonesia/home</a></p>	