

Honors Research Project Proposal

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Title of Proposed Project: Furthering Cultural Understanding Through Music	
Major: Music Education	Graduation (semester/year): Fall 2021

Please include a brief (maximum 200 words) summary of your proposed project

This project explores the role that music plays in fostering cultural understanding and equity by discussing the sociopolitical implications of musical collaboration between Palestinian and Israeli musicians. This paper is ethnomusicological in nature, meaning that music will be viewed through a social and cultural lens. In order to do this, the paper will dive into the history of the conflict between Palestine and Israel, define Palestinian and Israeli music as they exist separately, and then show how music is helping to bridge the divide between these two cultures. While the main focus of this project is music, there is a more important message to be obtained, which is that we all have room for improvement when it comes to being culturally responsive. The idea of cultural responsiveness encompasses not only appreciation of a culture other than one's own, but also an active desire to understand and learn from other cultures. With this project, the hope is to not only add to the discussion surrounding Palestinian and Israeli music and culture, but also provide encouragement to readers to continue striving for intercultural understanding, respect, and collaboration.

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3. **Outcomes:** Describe the final output of this project, including the written report for the Honors College. If the project is to be performed or presented publicly, what will be the expected event and audience?
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