# MUSIC PREFERENCES OF THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS STUDENTS 

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#### Abstract

The purpose of the study is to reveal the music listening situation of the students at the Faculty of Fine Arts of Kastamonu University, the music genres that they listen to and the relationship between them. It is also investigated whether the music listening situation determines the music training of the students or also makes significant difference among students according to their genders. The music listening situation scale developed as fivepoint Likert type and the frequency of listening to music scales were used as for data collection tools. The findings revealed that the majority of the students prefer listening to music at home and public transport. The least preferred situations for listening to music are when they are with their families and whilst reading book/newspaper/magazines. The results suggested that the most preferred genres are Rock and Blues which are closely followed by Jazz and Western Classical Music. The least preferred genres are Turkish Arabesque Music, Rap and Turkish Folk Music. It is determined that the students' music listening situation has shown significant differences according to the musical training, gender and musical genres.


Key Words: Music in life, music listening situations, musical preference.

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Bu çalışmanın amacı, Kastamonu Üniversitesi Güzel Sanatlar Fakültesi’nde okuyan öğrencilerin müzik dinleme ortamlarını, dinledikleri müzik türlerini ve bunlar arasındaki ilişkiyi ortaya koymaktır. Ayrıca müzik dinleme ortamlarının öğrencilerin müzik eğitimi alıp almamalarına ve cinsiyetlerine göre anlamlı farklılık oluşturup oluşturmadığı da araştırılmıștır. Veri toplama aracı olarak beşli Likert tipi olarak geliştirilmiş müzik dinleme ortamları ölçeği ve müzik dinleme sıklığı ölçeği kullanılmıștır. Araștırma sonuçları öğrencilerin müziği en çok evde ve toplu taşıma araçlarında en az ise aileleri ve kitap/gazete/dergi okurken dinlediklerini göstermektedir. Öğrencilerin müzik türü tercih ortalamalarına bakıldığında en çok dinlenilen türün Rock ve Blues olduğu, onları Jazz ve Klasik Müzik türlerinin izlediği görülmektedir. En az tercih edilen türler ise Arabesk, Rap ve Türk Halk Müziğidir. Öğrencilerin müzik dinleme ortamlarının eğitim, cinsiyet ve dinledikleri müzik türüne göre anlamlı farklılıklar oluşturduğu saptanmıştır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Gündelik müzik, müzik dinleme ortamları, müzik tercihi

## INTRODUCTION

Music listening takes place at different situa ons and at differ-ent intervals and it is accompanied by our daily ac vi es (Slo-boda, O'Neill, \& Ivaldi, 2001). The recent studies in music edu-ca on have shown that there is an increasing interest in music listened by students at school or out of school. According to North et al. (North, , Hargreaves, \& O'Neill, 2000: 256), there are some findings in recent studies showing that, in spite of all the moderniza on efforts of syllabuses, music is not one of the favorite courses of students. This is because music listening has taken on different dimensions and the music teachers have di fficulty in keeping up with developing technology, and music is also taught by the conven onal and stereotyped subjects. Similarly Sloboda (1990) suggested that the places where peo-ple enjoy listening to music are the concerts or houses rather than the schools, when their childhood memories are studied (As cited in Boal-Palheiros \& Hargreaves, 2004: 40). Herbert (2012a: 423), asserted that the comprehension of the informal musical engagement of the young was one of the main recent research subjects and he also stated that there was not an available detailed informa on about this subjec ve experience although music especially took place in every sphere of life of the young. Early researchers, who were curious about the reasons why we commonly would rather par cular musical genres than the oth-ers, focused on the people's levels of arousal poten al accord-ing to the simplicity and the complexity of the music. Berlyne (1971), in his complexity/ familiarity theory which he explained by 'inverted $U$ ', got some findings revealing that when the sim-plicity or complexity of any audio tracks increased, the degree of liking decreased, and similarly he inferred that the individual preferred music less o en when he was more or never familiar with it (as cited in North \& Hargreaves, 2008: 77). According to this theory, individual prefers the music which is at middle complexity and familiarity level (as cited in North \& Harg-reaves, 2008: 86). The other theory drawing a en on as much as this theory is Mar ndale and Moore' s (1998) prototype model based on the idea that the individuals mostly prefer the things that they may categorize. According to this model, we highly prefer an audio track if it shows the characteris cs of the genre that we enjoy to listen. These types of strict experimen-tal methods cannot completely make a statement about our musical preferences in daily life (North \& Hargreaves, 2008: 88). Some studies on arousal based music listening also cannot give an exhaus ve answer why we prefer music. It is thought that there must be another mechanism that explains why we prefer listening certain types of music par cular situa ons. This mechanism seems to be the judgment about the typical-ity or the appropriateness of music for a specific situa on. For instance, people do not want to listen to funeral music when they are at a wedding ceremony, or similarly they want to hear something else rather than upbeat dance music if they go there to relax. This issue is about the music listening situa ons rather than the s mulant of the music (North \& Hargreaves, 2000). According to Schafer (2008), having similar opinion, the inter-ac on between the listener and the music does not occur in an insulated situa on all the me. This rela on can be extremely effected by the existence of other people, other simultane-ous ac vi es and the cultural context. For this reason, some researchers directly focus on the musical preferences in music listening situa on. Konecni (1982), who was first interested in the influence of music listening situa on on preferences, by developing Ber-lyne's theory on intermediate
degree of arousal poten al, ques oned both why we preferred some certain musical genres while doing our daily ac vi es like studying, earng,travelling. He also ques oned the factors leading us to change our preferences according to me, situa on, ac vity and place. While Berlyne focused on the s mula ng effect of the music, Konecni focused on arousal evoked by music and arousal evoked by the immediate context in which it is experienced. For example, if the audience is in an extra s mula ng situa on, he / she probably prefers listening to simpler music: The low complexity level of the music destroys the s mula ng effect of music listening situa on. Similarly, if the individual is in a bor-ing situa on, he/ she prefers listening to more complex music. The explana on of this situa on is that the music having high complexity level also decreases of the influence of listening situa on (as cited in North \& Hargreaves, 2008: 90).

With the increasing interest in the influence of listening situ-a on, several studies were carried out on the music listening experience in daily life. (DeNora, 2000; Juslin \& Laukka, 2004; Saarikallio \& Erkkilä, 2007; Schafer et al., 2013; Sloboda et al., 2001). Moreover the studies started to be carried out in other places rather than the laboratory situa on and took di fferent forms. For instance, North, Hargreaves and Hargreaves (2004) collected data by sending messages to par cipants at regular intervals in a day, in those messages they wanted the par ci-pants to answer some ques ons like what they do where they are, with whom they are, what kind of music they listen to and how they feel while listening. With the opinion offering an insight into great number of stud-ies, Herbert (2012b) suggested the conceptualiza on of music listening act as 'direct' (deep, slow, profound) and 'indirect' (daily, so , slight). When the moods were analyzed during music listening in daily life, Sloboda (2010) stated that the ordinary characteris cs of any music (clear emo onal codes, brevity, simplicity etc.) could push the person toward superfi-cial listening. Moreover the studies focused on the other fac-tors rather than music or also focused on the mo va on for music listening rather than the aesthe c pleasure. As a result, a series of contrary case models such as 'specific-everyday', 'aesthe c pleasure or func onal resource', 'complex or basic emo ons', 'music focused or listener focused experience' emerged in literature under the theme of music listening (as cited in Herbert, 2012b).

Berg, Fierros \& Perez (2015) indicated that music plays a major role on personal and collec ve iden ty forma on and deal with two different approaches in music listening. a) Music as an individual item of consump on listened to at home, in the street, on public transport, etc., but always on an individual basis. This kind of expression is quite important for personal references, social rela ons and iden ty forma on. b) Listening to music at concerts and fes vals beside home. It provides modal human experience for groups or people taking part in the ac vi es. The musical genres such as "Rap", "hip-hop", electronic music (dance, house, techno) and the fans of metal music and their experiences turn into a special life style being different from the other sec ons of society with the parcular symbols and languages. Music is a spare me ac vity for teenagers and young adults. It is known that almost all individuals enjoy and listen to music (Lamont, Hargreaves, Marshall, \& Tarrant, 2003). According to the par cipants of the study carried out by Berg et al. (2015), two most remarkable characteris cs of the music are;
(1) likeness in clothing style as a group and the way of life related with iden ty
(2) to consider it as a group iden ty component deciding the criteria that determine which friends and where will be met. Moreover, as the young get older, the favorite music genres become more complex and are defined much bet-ter.

The reasons why the university students were preferred as the sample group in this study are similar as in the study of Berg et al. (2015). The musical genres listened by this age group are much more stable, steady and various than the younger ones. These musical genres can also be en tled much beer. When the studies on the musical preferences in Turkey are examined, it is seen that there are some studies on the influ-ence of the variables such as personality, belief, prejudice, aggressiveness (Erdal, 2009; Erdal, 2012; Şenel, 2013; Yağışan, 2013).

A large number of studies were carried out to prove that music preference was effected by various factors within the context of personality and music, but many studies ignored the factors about where, how and with whom the music is listened (Schafer, 2008; North et al., 2004; Berg et al., 2015). In this context, the purpose of this study is to determine the music listening situa ons of the students at the Faculty of Fine Arts of Kastamonu University and to reveal the rela on between these situa ons and (a) musical genre, (b) educa on, (c) playing instrument and (d) gender.

## METHODOLOGY

In the study, 'singular' and 'correla onal' screening models to reveal whether they play an instrument were also added. Before the scale items were formed, the students were asked to write a piece of informa ve essay about how and in which situa ons they listen to music, and then an item pool was prepared by analyzing the related literature. Next, the goal-oriented items of the study took their final form according to expert opinion (two faculty members from educa onal sci-ences). The scales were prepared as five-point Likert type. ( $1=$ never, $5=$ very o en).

Music listening frequency scale developed by Gürgen (2015) was used to determine the musical genres listened by stu-dents. The ques on "what kind of music do you listen?" was addressed to students in the process of composing the scaler, and they were asked to give the tle of the album, singer and track. Since the answers consisted of many musical sub genres, those answers were reduced to 13 musical genres by integra ng them into the major musical genres. For example, the answer of "progressive rock" was integrated into "rock" category; the answers like "trance", "house", were integrated into "electronic music" category. The scales were prepared as five-Likert type ( $1=$ never, $5=$ very o en).

## Data Analyzing Techniques

SPSS program was used for data analyzing. Average, standard devia on, and t-test were carried out to search the rela on between music listening situa on of the students and the vari-ables. For t -test at Table 6, if the point given to musical genres listened by the students is 3 or over 3, it was classified as "high listening frequency", but if it is under 3, it classified as "low listening frequency".

Table 1: Music Listening Situa ons of the Students in Everyday Life
Music Listening Situa on Average Standard Devia on were used (Karasar, 2002: 79-81). The single screening model; was used to determine the music listening situa ons of the students and the musical genres frequently preferred by them, whereas the rela onal screening model; was used to determine the rela on between the music listening situa on and the music educa on, playing instrument, gender and the musical genre. Par cipants The study comprises of 322 par cipants selected randomly from seven different departments at the Fine Art Faculty of Kastamonu University. The average of age of the students is 23.89 students study at musicology department, while 233 students are studying at other departments (sculpture, ceram-ics, graphics, photography, pain ng, tex le, Tradi onal Turkish Arts).

## Data Collec on Tools

In the study, a survey including the ques ons about the music listening situa ons of the students was used. Moreover, the some ques ons about the gender, age and other ques ons

| 1.At home |
| :--- |
| 2.On public transport |
| 3.Sport |
| 4.While alone |
| 5.With my friends |
| 6.At concert |
| 7.At bar / café / restaurant |
| 8.With my darling |
| 9.In the car |
| 10.While studying |
| 11.In the places accompanied by live music |
| 12.With my family |
| 13.While reading book/ newspaper / magazines |
| Table 2: Musical Preferences of the Students |
| Musical Genres Average Standard Devia on |
| 1.Rock 3.48 1.25 |
| 2.Blues 3.18 1.26 |


| 3.Jazz $\quad 3.151 .21$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4.Western Classical Music 3.03 | 1.18 |
| 5.Pop 2.791 .23 |  |
| 6.Electronic / Dance 2.751 .39 |  |
| 7.La n 2.521 .30 |  |
| 8.Reggae 2.421 .32 |  |
| 9.Metal 2.391 .44 |  |
| 10. Tradi onal Turkish Art Music | $2.31 \quad 1.13$ |
| 11. Turkish Folk Music 2.03 | 1.14 |
| 12. Rap 1.921 .23 |  |
| 13. Turkish Arabesque Music 1.62 | 0.93 |

## FINDINGS

Table 1 shows that the students mostly prefer listening to music at home and public transport, they prefer listening to music at the least when they are with their families and whilst reading book/newspaper/magazines. When the musical genre preference situa ons of the students are analyzed at Table 2, the results have suggested that mostly preferred genres are Rock and Blues which are closely followed by Jazz and Western Classical Music. The least preferred genres are Turkish Arabesque Music, Rap and Turkish Folk Music When Table 3 is analyzed, it is seen that the students studying other departments more signi ficantly listen to music mostly at bar/café/restaurant $[\mathrm{t}(320)=-4.301, \mathrm{p}=0.000]$ and while studying [ $\mathrm{t}(320)=1.751, \mathrm{p}=0.000$ ] in comparison with the stu-dents studying at music departments. It is also observed that the students at music departments prefer significantly listen-ing to music mostly with someone whom they have emo onal rela on (darling) [t (320) $=2.117, \mathrm{p}=0.036$ ] with comparison to those studying at other departments. Table 3: The Comparison of the Music Listening Situa ons Between the Students Studying at Musicology and the Students Studying at Other Departments (t-Test)

## Music Listening Situa on

| 1. | At home |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. | On public transport |
| 3. | Sport |
| 4. | While alone |
| 5. | With my friends |
| 6. | At concert |
| 7. | At bar / café / restaurant |
| 8. | With my darling |
| 9. | In the car / while driving |
| 10. | While studying |


| 11. | Live music places |
| :--- | :--- |
| 12. | With my family |
| 13. | While reading book / newspaper / magazines |


| Department | N | X | S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Musicology | 89 | 4.50 | . 70 |
| Other | 233 | 4.42 | . 86 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.71 | 1.46 |
| Other | 233 | 3.93 | 1.41 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.44 | 1.53 |
| Other | 233 | 3.65 | 1.40 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.70 | . 91 |
| Other | 233 | 3.54 | 1.08 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.66 | 1.03 |
| Other | 233 | 3.54 | 1.20 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.74 | . 99 |
| Other | 233 | 3.48 | 1.28 |
| Musicology | 89 | 2.94 | 1.17 |
| Other | 233 | 3.56 | 1.14 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.60 | 1.31 |
| Other | 233 | 3.29 | 1.26 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.39 | 1.61 |
| Other | 233 | 3.31 | 1.64 |
| Musicology | 89 | 2.59 | 1.50 |
| Other | 233 | 3.43 | 1.41 |
| Musicology | 89 | 3.19 | 1.12 |
| Other | 233 | 2.94 | 1.10 |
| Musicology | 89 | 2.78 | 1.30 |
| Other | 233 | 2.70 | 1.18 |
| Musicology | 89 | 2.39 | 1.32 |
| Other | 233 | 2.46 | 1.42 |

As shown in Table 4, the students, who are not able to play any instruments, prefer significantly listening to music at mostly bar/café/restaurants [t(319) $=-3.504, \mathrm{p}=0.001$ ] and while studying $[\mathrm{t}(319)=-4.818, \mathrm{p}=0.000]$ in comparison with those playing instruments.

According to Table 5, female students prefer listening to music on public transport $[\mathrm{t}(319)=-3.524, \mathrm{p}=0.000]$, at bar/café/ restaurants $[\mathrm{t}(319)=5.000, \mathrm{p}=0.000]$, while reading book/ newspaper/magazine $[\mathrm{t}(319)=2.627, \mathrm{p}=0.000]$, and with families $[\mathrm{t}(319)=$ $-3.302, \mathrm{p}=0.000$ ] more than males students do.

When Table 6 is analyzed, it shows that

1. The students listening to rock music frequently prefer it at concerts significantly more than the less o en listeners.
2. Those listening to "blues" prefer it mostly at home and on public transport, at concerts, in the places accompanied by live music and when they are with their friends significantly more than the other listeners.
3. Those enjoying "jazz" prefer listening to it mostly at con-certs, bar/café/restaurants, in the places accompanied by live music, while driving, reading and when they are with their friends and families.
4. Those listening to more Western Classical Music prefer it at concerts significantly more than the other listeners.
5. Those listening to pop music prefer it while driving, sport-ing, and in the places accompanied by live music signifi-cantly more than the other listeners.
6. Those listening to more electronic music prefer it mostly when they are at home and with their friends.
7. Those listening to La $n$ music prefer it while spor ng, driv-ing, reading book etc., at bar/café/restaurant, in the places accompanied by live music, and when they are with their families and darlings.
8. Those listening to "reggae" prefer it while studying, read-ing, at bar/café/restaurant, when they are alone, with their friends and darlings.

Table 4: The Comparison of the Music Listening Situa ons Between the Students Playing an Instrument and the Students Not Playing (t-Test)

Music Listening Situa on

| 1. | At home |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. | On public transport |
| 3. | Sport |
| 4. | While alone |
| 5. | With my friends |
| 6. | At concert |
| 7. | At bar / café / restaurant |
| 8. | With my darling |
| 9. | In the car / while driving |


| 10. | While studying |
| :--- | :--- |
| 11. | Live music places |
| 12. | With my family |
| 13. | While reading book / newspaper / magazines |

$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Instrument } & \mathrm{N} & \mathrm{X} & \mathrm{S} & \mathrm{t} & \mathrm{p}\end{array}$

| Playing | 145 | 4.49 | 0.72 | 1.132 | 0.249 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non playing | 176 | 4.39 | 0.89 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.84 | 1.44 | -. 378 | 0.705 |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 3.90 | 1.41 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.51 | 1.47 | -. 989 | . 324 |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 3.67 | 1.42 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.59 | 0.96 | . 019 | . 985 |
| Non Playing | 176 | 3.59 | 1.10 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.66 | 1.05 | 1.274 | 0.204 |
| Non Playing | 176 | 3.50 | 1.42 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.64 | 1.11 | 1.190 | 0.235 |
| Non Playing | 176 | 3.48 | 1.28 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.14 | 1.20 | -3.504 | ${ }^{*} 0.001$ |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 3.60 | 1.12 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.49 | 1.25 | 1.453 | 0.147 |
| Non Playing | 176 | 3.28 | 1.33 |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.39 | 1.65 | . 563 | 0.574 |


| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 3.28 | 1.62 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 2.77 | 1.52 | -4.818 | ${ }^{*} 0.000$ |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 3.55 | 1.36 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Playing | 145 | 3.13 | 1.11 | 1.643 | 0.101 |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 2.92 | 1.11 |  |  |
|  | 145 | 2.72 | 1.16 | .119 | 0.905 |
| Playing | 145 | 176 | 1.37 |  |  |
| Non <br> Playing | 176 | 2.50 | -847 | 0.398 |  |
| Playing | 145 | 176 |  |  |  |
| Non <br> Playing |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 5: The Comparison of the Music Listening Situa ons In Terms of Student's Gender (tTest)

## Music Listening Situa on

| 1. | At home |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. | On public transport |
| 3. | Sport |
| 4. | While alone |
| 5. | With my friends |
| 6. | At concert |
| 7. | With my darling |
| 8. | In the car / while driving |
| 9. | While studying |
| 10. | In the places accompanied by live music |
| 11. | With my family |
| 12. | While reading book / newspaper / magazines |
| 13. |  |

$\qquad$

Gender $N \quad$ X

| Female | 179 | 4.36 | . 87 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 143 | 4.53 | . 73 |
| Female | 179 | 4.12 | 1.28 |
| Male | 143 | 3.56 | 1.54 |
| Female | 179 | 3.71 | 1.37 |
| Male | 143 | 3.44 | 1.50 |
| Female | 179 | 3.55 | 1.08 |
| Male | 143 | 3.62 | . 98 |
| Female | 179 | 3.60 | 1.14 |
| Male | 143 | 3.54 | 1.17 |
| Female | 179 | 3.64 | 1.16 |
| Male | 143 | 3.44 | 1.26 |
| Female | 179 | 3.67 | 1.09 |
| Male | 143 | 3.03 | 1.20 |
| Female | 179 | 3.43 | 1.32 |
| Male | 143 | 3.31 | 1.28 |
| Female | 179 | 3.41 | 1.57 |
| Male | 143 | 3.24 | 1.70 |
| Female | 179 | 3.34 | 1.44 |
| Male | 143 | 3.02 | 1.51 |
| Female | 179 | 3.11 | 1.03 |
| Male | 143 | 2.88 | 1.19 |
| Female | 179 | 3.03 | 1.18 |
| Male | 143 | 2.34 | 1.15 |
| Female | 179 | 2.62 | 1.41 |
| Male | 176 | 2.50 | 1.42 |

9. Those listening to metal music prefer it more while they are alone, driving, and with their families in comparison with the other listeners.
10. Those listening to Tradi onal Turkish art Music (TTAM) pre-fer it in the places accompanied with live music.
11. Those listening to Turkish Folk Music (TFM) prefer it while studying, when they are with their darlings and families.
12. Those listening to Turkish Arabesque Music prefer it when they are alone or with their darlings significantly more than the others.
13. There is no significant difference in listening situa ons
between those listening to "rap" music and those not listening it.

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The findings of the study have revealed that the majority of the students listen to music at home and on public transport and the minority of the students listen to music when they are with their families and while reading book/ newspaper / magazines
(Table 1). In his study, Sloboda et al (2001) determined that the par cipants had listened to music most commonly during the ac vi es like doing homework and travelling. Tarrant and his colleagues (2000), in their study on English and American young people, indicated that the young had listened to music at home more than two hours, and they had listened to music to sa sfy primarily the social (to sa sfy their inner circle) and emo onal needs. Moreover, the young also stated that the reason why they had listened to music lonely was to sa sfy their emo onal needs. However, in his study, Helsing (2012) inferred that listening to music outside a er a stressing situaon was more effec ve to reduce stress. Most study findings show that the most commonly preferred spare me ac vity among young people is listening to music at home, and these findings correspond to the findings of this study (Boal-Palheiros \& Hargreaves, 2001; Lamont et al., 2003; Todd \& Mishra, 2013 ;). However, Boal- Palheiros ve Har-greaves (2004: 41) suggested four different listening models by indica ng that music listening could be different forms at home and at school; (a) listening to music in the background,

Table 6: Music Listening Situa ons of the Students according to the Musical Genres that They Listen to (T-Test)
(b) listening to music as an accompaniment to out of music ac vity (c) listening to music a s a major ac vity and (d) listen-ing to music by playing music. As a result of having interview with 120 students, he revealed that few of the students had listened to music as a major ac vity and most of them had listened to music as an accompaniment to other ac vi es such as studying and playing music.

The par cipants of the study prefer listening to music at con-certs in the sixth place. In their study on listening to music at a live concert in daily life, Berg and his colleagues (2015) men-oned that the only obstacle for the young in this ma er was the cost and they would not have had any hesita ons about going there if the concert was free of charge. In this study, it can be also said that the concert halls are not at the first places as the situa ons for music listening of the young because mostof the concerts require entrance fee. When the musical genre preference situa ons of the students are analyzed, the results have suggested that the most pre-ferred genre are Rock and Blues which are closely followed by Jazz and Western Classical Music. The least preferred genres are Turkish Arabesque Music, Rap and Turkish Folk Music. In their study carried out Turkey, Tekman and Hortaçsu (2002), who indicated that the func on of the music could change according to the past and behaviors of the individuals, deter-mined that the individuals listened to music not only to relax but also to revive and to become ac ve; for instance while they listened to Western Classical Music for relaxing, they listened to rap music for reviving. Moreover they observed that the par cipants were aware of the func on of arabesque and TFM to strengthen social iden ty; TFM represented the iden ty posi vely but the arabesque was rejected in this sense. Also in this
study, the low listening rate of Turkish music (tradi onal TTAM, TFM and arabesque) can be associated with the funcon of music in represen ng social iden ty as seen in Table 2. In other words, the individuals indica ng that they did not lis-ten this type of music could not prefer them since these genres were not comply with the social iden ty that the belonged to and they prejudged the community listening to this kind of music rather than they did not like this genre. North and Hargreaves (2008) asserted that social iden ty was one of the most important factors effec ng musical preference.

Another remarkable finding is that the Western Classical Music has remained as one of the most frequently listened genres. When the studies on the subject were analyzed, the results being opposite to this finding were discovered. For instance, in Berg and his colleagues' study on Galician students (2015), they revealed that the par cipants with a few excep ons generally did not listen to Western Classical Music since they thought that it was an old fashioned genre and not highly lis-tened nowadays. The Western Classical Music was preferred as in the last place by the par cipants also in Ginocchio's study (2009). The reason of this difference may be that the sample group of this study consisted of students receiving educa on in art fields. In fact, the study results in ques on were obtained with samples chosen without observing fields.

It is seen that the students studying other departments listen to music mostly at bar/café/restaurant and while studying more significantly in comparison with the students studying at music departments. It is also observed that the students at music departments signi ficantly prefer listening to music mostly with someone whom they have emo onal rela on (dar-ling) with comparison to those studying at other departments (Table 3). Similarly, the students, who are not able to play any instruments, prefer significantly listening to music at mostly bar/café/restaurants and while studying in comparison with those playing instruments (Table 4). According to this, those sta ng that they have never got musical educa on and never played any music prefer listening to music mostly at café/ bar/ restaurants and while studying. This situa on brings to mind both the superficial listening defini on of Sloboda (2010) and the roughly categorized defini on of Herbert (2012b) menoned in the introduc on part. Since those studying in music departments or not having any musical educa on but playing music one way or another by engaging in playing instrument as formal or informal listen to music more deeply, it is assumed that they listen to music with the person whom they have an emo onal rela on instead of listening as an accompaniment to spare me ac vity.

According to Table 5 the female students mostly prefer listen-ing to music at bar/café/restaurants, public transport, while reading book/newspapers/ magazines, and when they are with their families when compared to male students. How-ever, when the point averages are analyzed, the male students mostly prefer listening to music at home and when they are alone in comparison with female students. In this case, it can be said that the female students spend me in listening music outside, in other words they prefer more social situaons for music listening. There are many studies showing that the female students maintain more posi ve a tudes to music than male students (as cited in North et al., 2000: 258).

According to study findings, the places where the students lis-ten to music and their ways of listening differ to musical genres that they enjoy listening (Table 6). The most remarkable one of these findings is that the ones listening to arabesque music mostly prefer this genre when they are alone or with their darlings in comparison with those listening to other genres. They may prefer to keep it unknown except the person they are in a roman c rela onship with because of the prejudice of the community. Similarly, also those listening to TFM prefer it when they are with the closest people to them such as families and darlings, and while studying as a nonsocial environment ac vity. However, when those listening to "jazz", "blues" and La n music are observed, the place preferences vary in com-parison with those listening to other musical genres. In paral-lel with, the place is not highly important for those listening to these musical genres. The other non-striking result, bearing out the theory of Konecni (1982), is that those enjoying pop music which has low complexity level and is defined as superfi-cial compared to Western Classical Music prefer it while driving car and spor ng.

In our country, there is much more need for the studies ana-lyzing the effects of music listening situa ons in daily life onmusical preferences on different sample groups with different points of view. It is recommended to be carried out the studies analyzing the music listening situa ons in the context of mass communica on in future.

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