

Music BA

Degree Requirements

Admission to all Music degree programs is by audition to demonstrate musical aptitude and potential, moderate technical proficiency, and seriousness in selecting music as a four-year course of study. In addition to the applied music audition, placement examinations in music theory and music history may be required to confirm students' prior experience in these areas. Auditions are scheduled from January to May for the fall semester; a limited number are held in December for the spring/winter semester. Students in applied music must pass a junior-standing examination to confirm their level of performance skills for enrollment in AP MUS 3440 – AP MUS 3459 or AP MUS 4440 – AP MUS 4459. This examination is usually taken at the same time as the applied music jury for the fourth semester of enrollment in AP MUS 1440 - AP MUS 1459.

Evidence of sound musicianship, a close acquaintance with an appropriate portion of musical literature, and the ability to bring it to actual performance are required for graduation in all Music degree programs. Students in the B.M.: Performance Emphasis fulfill this requirement with junior and senior recitals. Students in all other degree programs fulfill this requirement with a senior recital. In some cases, upon the recommendation of the student's applied teacher, the senior recital (for non-performance majors only) may be replaced by participating in three regularly scheduled student recitals during the last two semesters of applied music study, or by performing for a special panel of faculty members.

General Education Requirements

General education requirements apply to all majors, except the students in the B.M. with Elective Studies in Business and B.M. in Music Education degree programs are not required to take a foreign language. Courses required for degree programs may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Students must receive at least a C in each music course and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (music education 2.7) in all music courses to meet degree requirements.

Non-Music majors may complete no more than 8 hours in music-performing organizations (EN PER 1400, University Chorus; EN PER 1410, University Concert Band; EN PER 1500, University Orchestra; EN PER 1520, University Symphonic Band, et. seq.) toward graduation, including credit transferred. Courses in applied music (private lessons and performing organizations) do not fulfill the humanities general education requirement. M H L T 1150, Drumming Cultures of the World; M H L T 1160, Musical Journey through Latin America; M H L T 1170, Musical Journey through the Far East; or M H L T 1180, Musical Journey through Africa will meet the non-Euro-American study requirement.

Other Requirements

Music majors are required to enroll in an approved ensemble [University Chorus, University Symphonic Band, University Wind Ensemble, University Singers, University Orchestra, or Jazz Orchestra (for Jazz Studies majors)] each semester, to study one applied area progressively each semester, and to enroll in the appropriate Pedagogy and Literature Seminar each semester of the degree program. Music Education majors are exempt from these requirements during the student teaching semester. The following specific ensemble enrollments, depending upon the applied music area, are required:

- Wind and Percussion students—University Symphonic Band or University Wind Ensemble;
- String students--University Orchestra;
- Voice students--University Singers or University Chorus;
- Keyboard and Guitar students--any approved ensemble, but those in the bachelor of music in music education program must successfully audition for and enroll in an ensemble compatible with the teaching certification they are pursuing;
- Instrumental students may be required to participate in additional ensembles to enhance their musical development;
- Jazz Studies majors (any instrument)--Jazz Orchestra.

Majors are required to appear in performance at the department's discretion and to attend a prescribed number of departmental recitals. Non-keyboard players are required to pass an exam in piano proficiency: PRACTM 2180, Piano Proficiency IV, or the equivalent.

The music department may require students to pass a placement test to enroll in the next level course, provided this or an equivalent test is administered to all students seeking to enroll in that course.

Core Curriculum

The following core courses are required for all Music majors:

Music Theory		
THRY COM 1300	Introduction to Music Theory	1
THRY COM 1301	Theory of Music I	3
THRY COM 1302	Aural Training I	2
THRY COM 1311	Theory of Music II	3
THRY COM 1312	Aural Training II	2
THRY COM 2301	Theory of Music III	3
THRY COM 2302	Aural Training III	2
THRY COM 2311	Theory of Music IV ¹	3
THRY COM 2312	Aural Training IV ²	2
Piano Proficiency		
PRACTM 1140	Piano Proficiency I	1
PRACTM 1150	Piano Proficiency II	1
PRACTM 2160	Piano Proficiency III ³	1
PRACTM 2180	Piano Proficiency IV ⁴	1
Conducting		
PRACTM 2510	Conducting I	2
Music History and Literature		
M H L T 2010	History of Western Music I (MOTR MUSC 103)	3
M H L T 2020	History of Western Music II (MOTR MUSC 104)	3
Choose one of the following courses:		3
M H L T 1150	Drumming Cultures of the World (MOTR MUSC 102)	
M H L T 1160	Musical Journey through Latin America	
M H L T 1170	Musical Journey through the Far East	
M H L T 1180	Musical Journey Through Africa	
Applied Music		
AP MUS 1460	Seminar in Pedagogy and Literature	0

AP MUS 3460	Seminar in Pedagogy and Literature	0
AP MUS 4460	Seminar in Pedagogy and Literature	0
AP MUS 3510	Senior Recital	0
Total Hours		36

- Students in the BM Jazz Studies program will take THRY COM 2313 instead.
- Students in the BM Jazz Studies program will take THRY COM 2314 instead.
- Students in the BM Jazz Studies program will take PRACTM 2170 instead.
- Students in the BM Jazz Studies program will take PRACTM 2171 instead.

PRACTM 1250	Singer's Diction: English, Italian And German (voice majors only)	1
PRACTM 1260	Singer's Diction: Latin, French, And Spanish (voice majors only)	1
PRACTM 3920	Senior Research	2-4

Applied Area

One hour every semester in progress toward degree with a minimum of 8 credit hours 8

Ensemble

Must be enrolled every semester in progress toward degree with a minimum of 4 credit hours 4

Foreign Language

Candidates for the B.A. degree in Music are required to complete 13 credit hours or the equivalent in proficiency in one foreign language. ¹ 13

Music History and Literature

Select one upper-level course M H L T 4000-4280 3

¹ Please see the College of Arts and Sciences Baccalaureate Degree Requirements for additional information about the foreign language requirement.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will:

- Have the technical skills requisite for artistic self-expression (Performance)
- Understand the common elements and organizational patters of music and their interaction (Musicianship Skills and Analysis)
- Have a Rudimentary capacity to create original or derivative music (Composition/Improvisation)
- Have a basic knowledge of music history and repertoires through the present time (History and Repertory)
- Have the ability to work on musical problems by combining their capabilities in performance, aural, verbal and visual analysis; composition/improvisation; history and repertory (Synthesis)

Sample Four Year Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
INTDSC 1003 ¹		1 THRY COM 1311	3
THRY COM 1300		1 THRY COM 1312	2
THRY COM 1301		3 PRACTM 1150	1

THRY COM 1302	2 AP MUS 14XX	1
PRACTM 1140	1 AP MUS 1460	0
AP MUS 14XX	1 EN PER XXXX	1
AP MUS 1460	0 FGN LANG 1002	5
EN PER XXXX	1 ENGL 1100	3
Foreign Language 1001		5
CORE - Mathematics Proficiency		3
	18	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
THRY COM 2301		3 THRY COM 2311	3
THRY COM 2302		2 THRY COM 2312	2
M H L T 2010		3 M H L T 2020	3
PRACTM 2160		1 PRACTM 2180	1
AP MUS 14XX		1 AP MUS 14XX	1
AP MUS 1460		0 AP MUS 1460	0
EN PER XXXX		1 EN PER XXXX	1
FGN LANG 2101		3 PRACTM 2510	2
PRACTM 1250 or 1260 (voice students)		1 EXPLORE - Social Science	3
		Elective (Instrumental Students)	1
		Elective or minor	1
	15		18

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
AP MUS 34XX		1 M H L T 1150, 1160, 1170, or 1180	3
AP MUS 3460		0 AP MUS 34XX	1
EN PER XXXX		1 AP MUS 3460	0
PRACTM 1250 or 1260		1 EN PER XXXX	1
CORE – US History and Government		3 ENGL 3100	3
CORE – Communication Proficiency		3 CORE – Information Literacy	3
EXPLORE – Social Sciences		3 EXPLORE – Mathematics and Life/ Natural Sciences	3
	12		14

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
M H L T 42XX+ Music Theory Elective		3 AP MUS 34XX	1
PRACTM 3920		3 AP MUS 3510	0
AP MUS 34XX		1 AP MUS 3460	0
AP MUS 3460		0 EN PER XXXX	1
EN PER XXXX		1 EXPLORE – Mathematics and Life/ Natural Sciences	3
EXPLORE – Mathematics and Life/ Natural Sciences		3 EXPLORE – Social Sciences	3
Elective or Minor		3 Elective or minor	3
		Elective or minor	2
	14		13

Total Hours: 120

¹ INTDSC 1003 is required only for first-time freshmen and transfer students with less than 24 college credits.

PLEASE NOTE: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester. All requirements are subject to change.