

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

2025-26 catalog 4-year degree pathway

College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Music, Music Composition

Sample only—your academic advisor will help you create an individualized plan. Students with more than one major should communicate with their advisor prior to enrollment. Upper-division (UD) electives should be selected in consultation with advisor and department faculty members.

Actual courses offered may be in different terms than the quarter listed in this sample plan.

| YEAR 1 | Fall Quarter | | Winter Quarter | | Spring Quarter | | |
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| | MUS 144 | Music Theory 1 (3) | MUS 145 | Music Theory 2 (3) | MUS 146 | Music Theory 3 (3) | |
| | MUS 144A | Aural Skills 1 (1) | MUS 145A | Aural Skills 2 (1) | MUS 146A | Aural Skills 3 (1) | |
| | MUS 152A | Class Piano I (1) | MUS 153A | Class Piano II (1) | MUS 154A | Class Piano III (1) | |
| | MUS 164x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 164x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 164x | Applied Area (1) | |
| | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | |
| | UNIV 101 | Transition to CWU (1) | *AWI Option | Academic Writing I (5) | MUS 120 | Composition 1 (3) | |
| | *QR Option | Quantitative Reasoning (5) | MUS 217E | Chamber (1) | K2 Option | Community, Culture, Citizenship (5) | |
| Total Quarter Credits | | 14 | Total Quarter Credits | | 14 | Total Quarter Credits | 16 |

| YEAR 2 | Fall Quarter | | Winter Quarter | | Spring Quarter | | |
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| | MUS 244 | Music Theory 4 (3) | MUS 245 | Music Theory 5 (3) | MUS 246 | Music Theory 6 (3) | |
| | MUS 372 | Music History 1 (3) | MUS 373 | Music History 2 (3) | MUS 374 | Music History 3 (3) | |
| | MUS 164x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 264x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 264x | Applied Area (1) | |
| | MUS 171A | Secondary Applied Piano (1) | MUS 171A | Secondary Applied Piano (1) | MUS 171A | Secondary Applied Piano (1) | |
| | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 2xx | Large Ensemble (2) | |
| | MUS 220 | Composition 2 (2) | MUS 220 | Composition 2 (2) | MUS 343 | Counterpoint I (3) | |
| | K1 Option | Academic Writing II (5) | MUS 2xx | Chamber Ensemble (1) | MUS 220 | Composition 2 (2) | |
| Total Quarter Credits | | 17 | K3 Option | | Creative Expression (5) | Total Quarter Credits | 15 |

| YEAR 3 | Fall Quarter | | Winter Quarter | | Spring Quarter | | |
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| | MUS 264x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 264x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 364x | Applied Area (1) | |
| | MUS 320 | Composition 3 (2) | MUS 320 | Composition 3 (2) | MUS 320 | Composition 3 (2) | |
| | MUS 4xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 4xx | Large Ensemble (2) | MUS 4xx | Large Ensemble (2) | |
| | MUS 346 | Counterpoint II (3) | MUS 340 | Form and Analysis (3) | MUS 417x | Chamber (1) | |
| | MUS 359 | Cross-Cultural Perspectives (2) | MUS 401 | Intro to Music Tech (3) | MUS 440 | Analytical Techniques II (3) | |
| | MUS 417x | Chamber (1) | K5 Option | Humanities (5) | MUS 402 | Electronic Music Comp (3) | |
| | K4 Option | Global Dynamics (5) | K6 Option | | Individual & Society (5) | | |
| Total Quarter Credits | | 16 | Total Quarter Credits | | 16 | Total Quarter Credits | 17 |

| YEAR 4 | Fall Quarter | | Winter Quarter | | Spring Quarter | | |
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| | MUS 364x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 364x | Applied Area (1) | MUS 364x | Applied Area (1) | |
| | MUS 420 | Composition 4 (3) | MUS 420 | Composition 4 (3) | MUS 420 | Composition 4 (3) | |
| | MUS 422 | Orchestration (3) | MUS 423 | Adv Orchestration (3) | MUS 400 | Recital Performance (1) | |
| | MUS 255 | Jazz Harmony and Keyboard (1) | MUS 300 | Recital Performance (1) | MUS 342 | Conducting II (3) | |
| | MUS 341 | Conducting I (3) | MUS 417x | Chamber (1) | K8 Option | Science & Technology (5) | |
| | K7 Option | Physical & Natural World (5) | Elective | Explore (5) | | | |
| | Total Quarter Credits | | 16 | Total Quarter Credits | | 14 | Total Quarter Credits |

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| Total Credits | | | | | | 186 |
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*Assumes appropriate placement. If placement needs are different, your advisor will help you create a suitable first-year Math/Academic Writing sequence to set you up for success.