BM in Music

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Music (BM) degree is a program of 120-145 hours that may be earned with an emphasis in Performance (brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, or woodwinds), Music History, Music Theory, Composition, or Music Education. It is designed for the student who intends to pursue a career as a composer, performer, K-12 or college teacher, as well as the student who plans to enter graduate school to pursue further study in one of these areas. Students must audition to be admitted into the program.

Major Program Requirements

The Bachelor of Music (BM) is a professional degree that offers the maximum concentration in music. The student may focus on instrumental, keyboard or vocal performance; music theory; composition; music history or music education based on the choice of emphasis area. In addition, students must complete degree, college and university requirements, including Arts & Science Foundation Requirements.

In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements), including University general education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements).

Foreign Language Requirement:

- Composition, Woodwind or Percussion Performance: 12-13 hours of any foreign language that satisfies the Arts & Science Foundation Requirement
- Theory, Piano or Brass Performance: 12-13 hours of French, Italian, or German
- Music History: 10 hours of German + 5-6 hours of second language, approved by advisor (15-16 total)
- String Performance: 12-13 hours of French, Italian, German or Spanish
- Vocal Performance: GERMAN 1100 Elementary German I (5 hours), FRENCH 1100 Elementary French I (5 hours), and ITAL 1100 Elementary Italian I (6 hours); and one additional course in German (5 hours), French (5 hours), or Italian (6 hours) (21-22 hours total). In addition, one hour each in Italian, French, and German diction (music courses; 3 hours total)
- Music Education: Foreign language is not required

Candidates must pass an examination administered by the applied faculty in the area of performance at the completion of their sophomore year before entrance is approved to studio instruction at the 4455-level (for performance tracks) or 3455-level (for all other tracks). Degree recitals must be approved two weeks in advance by a faculty hearing committee.

Courses completed in the "D" range may not fulfill music course requirements without the approval of the advisor and the dean, and the student must achieve an overall average of at least C (2.0) in all of the courses attempted in the School of Music at MU. Music education students must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.75, a music content GPA of 3.00, and an education course GPA of 3.00 to qualify for teacher certification.

Semester Plan

The BM in Music has emphasis areas in Composition (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-emphasis-composition), Music Education (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-emphasis-music-ed), Music History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-emphasis-history), Music Theory (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-emphasis-music-theory), and Performance (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-emphasis-performance). Please see the individual emphasis area pages for semester plans specific to the emphasis area.