

# BA in Music

## Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music requires a reduced number of courses within music than in the professionally-oriented BM degree, thereby making more hours available for non-music courses. The degree does, however, require a well-rounded set of courses that provide a solid musical foundation. In addition, the student has the flexibility to pursue a secondary area of interest. Most students pursuing a double major (music and another field) choose the BA degree. Students who wish to continue their study of music at the graduate level should choose the BM degree (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/>) that is aligned with their interest. Students must audition to be admitted into the BA in Music.

## Major Program Requirements

Students who elect to earn a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Music will complete a general, liberal arts degree with a strong music emphasis. Students must also complete all degree, college and university graduation requirements, including Arts & Science Foundation Requirements. The degree is a program of 120 credit hours.

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. Academic music electives must be chosen from Instrumental and Vocal Repertory ([https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_i\\_vr/](https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_i_vr/)), Instrumental and Vocal Techniques ([https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_i\\_vt/](https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_i_vt/)), Music History and Literature ([https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_h\\_li/](https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_h_li/)), or Music Theory ([https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_thry/](https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_thry/)) courses. General music electives may be drawn from any music course *except* for those listed as Music Courses for Non-Majors ([https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/music\\_nm/](https://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/music_nm/)). It is recommended that students who are not piano players take Group Piano for Music Majors, especially for students that may consider switching to a BM degree. If a student chooses a Senior Recital as a capstone experience, concurrent enrollment in MUS\_APMS 3455 is required.

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

### Major Core Requirements

MUS_APMS 2455	Studio Instruction (Total of 8 credit hours)	8
MUS_ENS 1841	Instrumental Ensemble	4
or MUS_ENS 1842	Choral Ensemble	
MUS_THRY 1230	Aural Training and Sight Singing I	2
MUS_THRY 1231	Aural Training and Sight Singing II	2
MUS_THRY 1220	Tonal Music Theory I	2
MUS_THRY 1221	Tonal Music Theory II	2
MUS_THRY 2220	Tonal Music Theory III	2

MUS_H_LI 1338	Music and Culture	2
MUS_H_LI 2307	History of Western Music I	2
MUS_H_LI 2308	History of Western Music II	2
MUS_APMS 4970	Senior Recital (capstone)	1
or MUS_GENL 3085	Problems in Music	
3000–4000 level WI Course in Music		3
MUS_THRY, MUS_H_LI, MUS_I_VR, or MUS_I_VT	Academic Music Electives	5
Music Electives (any music course except courses for non-majors)		3
MUS_GENL 1091	Recital Attendance for Undergraduate Music Majors (5 semesters)	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>40</b>

## Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_APMS 2455		2 MUS_APMS 2455	2
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 1220		2 MUS_THRY 1221	2
MUS_THRY 1230		2 MUS_THRY 1231	2
MUS_GENL 1091 <sup>Section 3</sup>		0 MUS_H_LI 1338	2
ENGLISH 1000		3 MUS_GENL 1091	0
Second language		5 SSC 2100	1
		Second language	5
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_APMS 2455		2 MUS_APMS 2455	2
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 2220		2 MUS_H_LI 2308	2
MUS_H_LI 2307		2 MUS_GENL 1091	0
MUS_GENL 1091		0 Academic music elective	2
Second language		3 MO state law requirement	3
MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200		3 Lab science	5
Humanities		3	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate		3 Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	3
MUS_GENL 1091		0 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	3
First writing intensive		3 Social or Behavioral Science	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Social or Behavioral Science	3
Social or Behavioral Science		3 Humanities	3
Social or Behavioral Science		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Music writing intensive		3 MUS_APMS 4970 or MUS_GENL 3085	1

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2000+ Social or Behavioral Science	3 Academic music elective	3
2000+ Humanities Course	3 Humanities	3
Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	3 Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	1
Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	3 Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	3
	Music elective, 2nd major, Minor, Certificate	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>

**Total Credits: 120**