

# 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 (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/>) that is aligned with their interest.

## 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 ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_i\\_vr/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_i_vr/)), Instrumental and Vocal Techniques ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_i\\_vt/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_i_vt/)), Music History and Literature ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_h\\_li/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_h_li/)), or Music Theory ([http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus\\_thry/](http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/mus_thry/)) courses. 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, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/generaleducationrequirements/>).

## Major Core Requirements

MUS_APMS 2455	Studio Instruction (Total of 8 credit hours)	8
MUS_ENS 1841	Instrumental Ensemble (Total of 4 credit hours)	1
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 1322	Introduction to Music in the United States	2
MUS_H_LI 2307	History of Western Music I	2
MUS_H_LI 2308	History of Western Music II	2
MUS_GENL 3085	Problems in Music (Capstone)	1
or MUS_APMS 4970	Senior Recital	

3000–4000 level WI Course in Music	3	
Academic Music Electives	5	
Music Electives	3	
MUS_GENL 1091	Recital Attendance for Undergraduate Music Majors (5 semesters)	0

**Total Credits 40**

## 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 1322	2
Electives and non-music courses		8-9 MUS_GENL 1091	0
		Electives and non-music courses	6
<b>15-16</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 Electives and non-music courses	10-12
Electives and non-music courses		8-9	
<b>15-16</b>			<b>15-17</b>

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_GENL 3085 or MUS_APMS 4970 (Capstone)		1 Electives and non-music courses	15
MUS_GENL 1091		0	
Electives and non-music courses		14-15	
<b>15-16</b>			<b>15</b>

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Electives and non-music courses		15 Electives and non-music courses	15
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**Total Credits: 120-125**