

BM in Music with Emphasis in Composition

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Music (BM) degree with an emphasis in Composition offers unprecedented opportunities for young composers to discover and craft their musical voices. The program is designed for the student who intends to pursue a career as a composer, performer, or college teacher, as well as the student who plans to enter graduate school to pursue further study in one of these areas. Incoming students may be admitted to the composition program after a review of sample compositions and an interview with the composition faculty (normally on one of the Mizzou Music Days). This is in addition to an audition on the major instrument/voice, which is required of all prospective music majors. Current music majors not previously admitted to composition may apply to enter the composition program by contacting the coordinator of the composition area no later than April 1 and arranging an interview to review previous course work and a composition portfolio. In addition, a grade in the B range must have been achieved in all composition and music theory courses.

Major Program Requirements

The program requires 124 credit hours, including courses in music theory, music history, studio instruction, and ensembles.

In addition to the list of required courses below for the emphasis in Composition, students must complete the Bachelor of Music (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music/>), University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/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.

MUS_GENL 1091	Recital Attendance for Undergraduate Music Majors	0
MUS_APMS 1435	Studio Instruction for Majors (1 semester)	1
MUS_APMS 1435	Studio Instruction for Majors (2 semesters)	2
or MUS_I_VT 4650	Composing for Percussion	
MUS_APMS 2455	Studio Instruction (2 credits per semester for 4 semesters)	8
MUS_APMS 3455	Studio Instruction (2 credits per semester for 2 semesters)	4
MUS_ENS 1841	Instrumental Ensemble (total of 8 credit hours)	0-1
or MUS_ENS 1842	Choral Ensemble	
MUS_THRY 1220	Tonal Music Theory I	2
MUS_THRY 1221	Tonal Music Theory II	2
MUS_THRY 1230	Aural Training and Sight Singing I	2
MUS_THRY 1231	Aural Training and Sight Singing II	2
MUS_THRY 2215	Composition I	2
MUS_THRY 2216	Composition II	2
MUS_THRY 2220	Tonal Music Theory III	2

MUS_THRY 2221	Tonal Music Theory IV	2
MUS_THRY 2230	Aural Training and Sight Singing III	2
MUS_THRY 2231	Aural Training and Sight Singing IV	2
MUS_THRY 3215	Composition III	2
MUS_THRY 3216	Composition IV	2
MUS_THRY 4215	Composition V	2
MUS_THRY 4216	Composition VI	2
MUS_THRY 4220	Post-Tonal Music Theory	2
MUS_THRY 4224	Counterpoint	3
MUS_THRY 4227	Orchestration	2
MUS_THRY 4245	Introduction to Electronic Music	2
MUS_THRY 4247	Introduction to Digital Synthesis	2
MUS_THRY 4226	Instrumentation	2
MUS_THRY 4290	Music Composition Seminar (1 credit per semester for 6 semesters)	6
MUS_THRY 3xxx/4xxx	Music Theory Elective	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_H_LI 43xx	History Elective	3
MUS_I_VT 1610	Group Piano for Music Majors I	1
MUS_I_VT 1611	Group Piano for Music Majors II	1
MUS_I_VT 2610	Group Piano for Music Majors III	1
MUS_I_VT 2611	Group Piano for Music Majors IV	1
MUS_I_VT 2631	Basic Conducting and Score Reading	2

Total Credits **79-80**

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_APMS 1435 <small>Secondary Instrument</small>	1
MUS_THRY 1220	2	MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 1230	2	MUS_THRY 1221	2
MUS_I_VT 1610	1	MUS_THRY 1231	2
MUS_GENL 1091 <small>Section 3</small>	0	MUS_I_VT 1611	1
ENGLISH 1000	3	MUS_H_LI 1338	2
Second language	4	MUS_GENL 1091	0
		Second language	4
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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_I_VT 2631	2
MUS_THRY 2230	2	MUS_THRY 2221	2
MUS_I_VT 2610	1	MUS_THRY 2231	2
MUS_H_LI 2307	2	MUS_I_VT 2611	1
MUS_THRY 2215	2	MUS_H_LI 2308	2
MUS_THRY 4290	1	MUS_THRY 2216	2
MUS_GENL 1091	0	MUS_THRY 4290	1

Second language	4 MUS_GENL 1091	0
17		15

Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_APMS 3455		2 MUS_APMS 3455	2
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 3215		2 MUS_THRY 3216	2
MUS_THRY 4290		1 MUS_THRY 4290	1
MUS_THRY 4226		2 MUS_THRY 4227	2
MUS_THRY 4224W		3 MUS_THRY 4220	2
MUS_GENL 1091		0 MUS_I_VT 4650	2
MATH 1050		3 MUS_GENL 1091	0
		MO state law requirement	3
14		15	

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 4215		2 MUS_THRY 4216 (Capstone)	2
MUS_THRY 4290		1 MUS_THRY 4290	1
MUS_THRY 4245		2 MUS_THRY 4247	2
3000+ Music Theory Elective		2 4000+ Music History Elective	3
MUS_GENL 1091		0 GEOL 1400	1
Lab science		5 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	3
Behavioral or Social Science		3 2000+ Behavioral or Social Science	3
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Total Credits: 123