

BM in Music with Emphasis in Music Theory

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Music (BM) degree with an emphasis in Music Theory is designed to provide students with a broad survey of approaches of how one might think about music. Following completion of this degree, the student might use this knowledge to tutor music theory, use it as the foundation for teaching AP music theory in high school, work in the larger music industry, or pursue further study at the graduate level.

Music majors that wish to pursue a BM in Music Theory are encouraged to apply for a BA in Music (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/ba-music/>) but follow the degree plan for a BM in Music Theory. At the end of their second year, students should apply to enter the music theory program no later than April 1 by contacting the coordinator of the music theory area (<https://music.missouri.edu/area/theory/>) and arranging an interview to review previous course work and discuss future interests.

Major Program Requirements

The program requires 120 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 Music Theory, 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 (7 satisfactory semesters)	0
MUS_APMS 1435	Studio Instruction for Majors (secondary instr. total of 4 credit hours)	1
MUS_APMS 2455	Studio Instruction (Major instr. total of 8 credit hours)	1-5
MUS_APMS 3455	Studio Instruction (total of 8 credit hours)	1-3
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 4220	Post-Tonal Music Theory	2

MUS_THRY 4224	Counterpoint	3
MUS_THRY 4226	Instrumentation	2
MUS_THRY 3xxx/4xxx	Music Theory Electives	6
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	Music History Electives	6
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
MUS_GENL 4510, 4512, or 4516	Entrepreneurship Elective	3
MUS_GENL 3085	Problems in Music (Capstone)	2

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_I_VT 1610		1 MUS_I_VT 1611	1
MUS_GENL 1091 (Section 3)		0 MUS_H_LI 1338	2
ENGLISH 1000		3 MUS_GENL 1091	0
Second language		4 Second language	4
		15	14
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_APMS 2455		2 MUS_APMS 2455	2
MUS_APMS 1435 ^{Secondary} Instrument		1 MUS_APMS 1435 ^{Secondary} Instrument	1
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 2220		2 MUS_THRY 2221	2
MUS_THRY 2230		2 MUS_THRY 2231	2
MUS_I_VT 2610		1 MUS_I_VT 2611	1
MUS_H_LI 2307		2 MUS_I_VT 2631	2
MUS_GENL 1091		0 MUS_H_LI 2308	2
Second language		4 MUS_GENL 1091	0
		MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
		15	16
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
MUS_APMS 3455		2 MUS_APMS 3455	2
MUS_APMS 1435 ^{Secondary} Instrument		1 MUS_APMS 1435 ^{Secondary} Instrument	1
MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842		1 MUS_ENS 1841 or 1842	1
MUS_THRY 4224W		3 MUS_THRY 4220	2
MUS_THRY 2215		2 MUS_THRY 2216	2

Entrepreneurship Elective (MUS_GENL 4510, 4512, or 4516)	3 MUS_GENL 1091	0
MUS_GENL 1091	0 4000+ Music History Elective	3
3000+ Music Theory Elective	2 Lab science	5
	14	16

Fourth 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 4226		2 MUS_GENL 3085 (Capstone)	2
MUS_GENL 1091		0 3000+ Music Theory Elective	2
3000+ Music Theory Elective		2 4000+ Music History Course	3
Behavioral or Social Science		3 GEOL 1400	1
MO state law requirement		3 2000+ Behavioral or Social Science	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3	
	16		14

Total Credits: 120