

BM in Music

Degree Program Description

The Bachelor of Music (BM) degree is a program that may be earned with an emphasis in Composition, Music Education, Music History, Music Theory, or Performance (brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, or woodwinds). 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. The Bachelor of Music degree program is 120-133 credit hours.

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/general/educationrequirements/>), 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.

Second Language Requirement:

- Composition, History, Performance (except Vocal), Theory: Fulfill the Arts & Science second language foundation requirement
- Vocal Performance: GERMAN 1100 Elementary German I (5 hours), FRENCH 1100 Elementary French I (5 hours), and ITAL 1100 Elementary Italian I (6 hours) (16 hours total). In addition, one hour each in English, Italian, French, and German diction (music courses; 4 hours total)
- Music Education: Second 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 Director of Undergraduate Studies, 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.

Requirements for ALL emphasis areas and tracks, except music education.

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 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_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 2631	Basic Conducting and Score Reading	2
MUS_GENL 1091	Recital Attendance for Undergraduate Music Majors (7 semesters)	0

Total Credits **32**

Semester Plan

The BM in Music has emphasis areas in Composition (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music-emphasis-composition/>), Music Education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music-emphasis-music-education/>), Music History (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music-emphasis-music-history/>), Music Theory (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music-emphasis-music-theory/>), and Performance (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/music/bm-music-emphasis-performance/>).

Please see the individual emphasis area pages for semester plans specific to the emphasis area.