

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Music

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music is a 120-hour liberal arts degree program. Students must meet all requirements established by the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of the Arts, including a foreign language sequence. Students may select guided electives outside of music to develop a minor in another discipline.

Selected Educational Outcomes

1. Candidates will demonstrate functional knowledge of the elements of music construction.
2. Candidates will display conceptual understanding of the literature and historical development of music in Western civilization and of the function of music in world cultures.
3. Candidates will exhibit broad interests in liberal arts or minor studies.
4. Candidates will meet all the standards set forth by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) for the liberal arts degree with a major in music.

Examples of Outcomes Assessments

1. Candidates will produce an in-depth analysis project or paper in which fundamental musical constructs are documented.
2. Candidates will produce an in-depth paper that demonstrates conceptual understanding of music in Western civilization and/or of the function of music in world cultures.
3. Candidates will complete a capstone project under the guidance of music faculty as part of the recital. This project will take the form of written program notes.
4. Candidates will demonstrate performance skill through the jury process (a prepared performance adjudicated by a panel every semester), a performance barrier (after 4 semesters of applied instruction) that leads to upper division applied study, and a senior recital of not less than 20 minutes.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Major in Music

Code	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum		60
Core Curriculum, Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum)		42
Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music should take MUSC 1100 in Area C.		
Core Curriculum Area F		
MUSC 1011	Music Theory I	3
MUSC 1012	Music Theory II	3
MUSC 1051	Aural Skills I	1
MUSC 1052	Aural Skills II	1
MUSC 2131	Class Piano I	1
MUSC 2132	Class Piano II	1
MUSC 1_20 or MUSC 2_20	Principal Applied Music	8
Senior College Curriculum		60
Upper Level Courses in Music		
MUSC 2011	Music Theory III	3
MUSC 2012	Music Theory IV	3
MUSC 2051	Aural Skills III	1
MUSC 2052	Aural Skills IV	1
Principal Ensemble: one or a combination of the following ensembles (see Principal Ensemble Requirement):		8
MUSC 3810	Chamber Singers	
MUSC 3820	Concert Choir	
MUSC 3850	Concert Band	
MUSC 3860	Orchestra	
MUSC 3861	String Ensemble	
MUSC 3870	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 3880	Marching Band	
MUSC 4850	Wind Ensemble	
MUSC 3896	Piano Ensemble	

MUSC 3_20 or MUSC 4_20 Additional Applied Music	8
MUSC 4451 History of Music to 1750	3
MUSC 4452 History of Music since 1750	3
MUSC 1016 An Introduction to Computer Applications in Music	1
Music Electives	3
MUSC 1001 Professional Orientation and Seminar for Music Majors	0
Foreign Language ¹	6
Select one of the tracks listed below ²	20
General Track	
Education Track	
Jazz track	
Total hours required for the degree	120

General Track

Code	Title	Hours
Upper Division electives or Minor ²		20

Education Track

Code	Title	Hours
MUE 3000	Music Teaching	2
MUSC 3650	Introduction to Conducting	1
MUE 3660	Intermediate Conducting	2
MUSC 3100	Arranging for Band, Chorus, and Orchestra	2
MUSC 3131	Class Piano III	1
MUSC 3132	Class Piano IV	1
Music Guided Electives		2
EDUC 2120	Exploring Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity	3
PSYC 3110	Educational Psychology	3
SPEC 3000	Serving Students with Diverse Needs	3
Total Hours		20

Jazz Track

Code	Title	Hours
MUSC 1171	Theoretical Foundations of Jazz Improvisation I	1
MUSC 1172	Theoretical Foundations of Jazz Improvisations II	1
Upper Division Electives ²		18
Total Hours		20

¹ See University Foreign Language Requirements

² Must include at least 6 hours of courses numbered 3000 or above in a single discipline outside of Music.