

MUSIC: LIBERAL ARTS (BA)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Music
Concentration: Liberal Arts
Program Code: 3253

About This Major . . .

The Bachelor of Arts in Music is a liberal arts degree with a breadth of general studies in English, math, humanities, natural sciences, history, social and behavioral sciences and fine arts. Combined with courses in music theory, music history and literature, ensembles and applied studies, this curriculum provides a strong foundation that when innovatively integrated with 25 course credits of the student's choosing, allows the flexibility to creatively design a personalized degree program. Students in this major have the ability to create a curriculum tailored to their strengths and career interests that can focus on traditional music, contemporary-commercial music, their own musical compositions or an interdisciplinary program of study, designed by the student.

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit Career Services' [What to Do with a Major?](#) resource.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

- Develop and express music judgments through solo performance. (Critical Thinking)
- Use music knowledge to formulate insights, perspectives, or demonstrate practical applications relating to other disciplines. (Specialized Knowledge)
- Conduct research on a specialized topic in music that results in a well-organized document or oral presentation. (Communication Fluency)

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU baccalaureate degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 120 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher.
- 40 upper-division credits (an alternative credit limit applies to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 30 semester credit hours for a baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 15 of the 30 credits may be for cooperative education, internships, and practica.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Essential Learning Requirements

(31 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

- Some Essential Learning credits will have to be completed in the junior year.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
English ¹		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
Mathematics ¹		
MATH 110	Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1	3
History		
Select one History course		3
Humanities		
Select one Humanities course		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences course		3
Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences course		3
Fine Arts		
Select one Fine Arts course		3
Natural Sciences ²		

Select one Natural Sciences course	3
Select one Natural Sciences course with a lab	4
Total Semester Credit Hours	31

- Students must meet departmental recital/concert attendance requirements.
- Students must pay close attention to the Department's two-year course rotation.

¹ Must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.

² One course must include a lab.

Other Lower Division Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Essential Learning Capstone ¹		
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	3
ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		6

¹ Essential Learning Capstone must be taken after completion of the Essential Learning English and Mathematics requirements, and when a student has earned between 45 and 75 hours.

Foundation Courses

(23 semester hours, must pass all courses with a "C" or better)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
MUSA 111	Music Technology	1
MUSA 114	Theory I-Introduction	3
MUSA 115	Theory II-Diatonic Concepts	3
MUSA 116	Ear Training and Sightsinging I	2
MUSA 117	Ear Training and Sightsinging II	2
MUSA 214	Theory III - Chromatic Concepts	3
MUSA 215	Theory IV - Twentieth Century Form and Analysis	3
MUSL 1__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 1__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 2__	Music Lesson	1
MUSP 1__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 1__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 2__	Music Performance	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		23

Program Specific Degree Requirements

(35 semester hours, must pass all courses with a "C" or better and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework in this area.)

- Students must complete eight semesters of Music Lessons (MUSL), two at each academic level.
- Students deficient in piano skills will be required to complete MUSA 130 (2), MUSA 131 (2), MUSA 230 (2), and/or MUSA 231 (2), in the first two years.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
MUSA 101	Concert Attendance	0
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MUSA 250	Beginning Conducting	2
Select one of the following:		3
MUSA 302	Keyboard Literature I	
MUSA 303	Symphonic Literature	
MUSA 304	Keyboard Literature II	
MUSA 318	Vocal Literature	
MUSA 319	Choral Literature	
MUSA 326	Music History and Literature I	3
MUSA 327	Music History and Literature II	3
MUSA 426	The Music of World Cultures	2
MUSL 2__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 3__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 3__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 4__	Music Lesson	1
MUSL 4__	Music Lesson	1
MUSP 2__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 3__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 3__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 4__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 4__	Music Performance	1
MUSP 420	Senior Recital/Presentation	1
Upper Division Music Electives		
Select from any 300- or 400-level MUSA, MUSL, or MUSP courses		5
Foreign Language		
Two consecutive courses in the same foreign language ¹		6
Total Semester Credit Hours		35

¹ Must receive a grade of "C" or better.

General Electives

All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. 25 semester hours, at least 15 upper division hours will be needed.

Code	Title	Semester	Credit Hours
Select electives			25
Total Semester Credit Hours			25

Suggested Course Plan

First Year

Fall Semester

Code	Title	Semester	Credit Hours
MUSA 101	Concert Attendance		0
MUSA 114	Theory I-Introduction		3
MUSA 116	Ear Training and Sightsinging I		2
MUSA 111	Music Technology		1
MUSL 1__	Music Lesson		1
MUSP 1__	Music Performance		1
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1		3
Essential Learning - Social and Behavioral Science			3
Semester Credit Hours			14

Spring Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance		0
MUSA 115	Theory II-Diatonic Concepts		3
MUSA 117	Ear Training and Sightsinging II		2
MUSL 1__	Music Lesson		1
MUSP 1__	Music Performance		1
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2		3
KINE 100	Health and Wellness		1
Essential Learning - Social and Behavioral Science			3
Semester Credit Hours			14

Second Year

Fall Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance		0
MUSA 214	Theory III - Chromatic Concepts		3
MUSL 2__	Music Lesson		1
MUSP 2__	Music Performance		1
Essential Learning - Natural Science with Lab			4
MATH 110	Mathematical Investigations-GTMA1		3
General Elective			3
Semester Credit Hours			15

Spring Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance		0
MUSA 215	Theory IV - Twentieth Century Form and Analysis (Essential Learning - Natural Science)		3
MUSL 2__	Music Lesson		1
MUSP 2__	Music Performance		1
KINA Activity			1
Essential Learning - Fine Arts			3
Essential Learning - Natural Science			3
MUSA 250	Beginning Conducting		2
General Elective			3
Semester Credit Hours			17

Third Year

Fall Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance		0
MUSL 3__	Music Lesson		1
MUSP 3__	Music Performance		1
Essential Learning - History			3
Foundation Course - Foreign Language			3
General Elective			3
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone		3

ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
Upper Division Music Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Spring Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance	0
Music Literature Course		3
MUSL 3__	Music Lesson	1
MUSP 3__	Music Performance	1
Foundation Course - Foreign Language		3
Select one of the following:		2-3
Upper Division Music Elective		
MUSA 426	The Music of World Cultures	
General Electives (2 courses)		6
Semester Credit Hours		16-17

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance	0
MUSL 4__	Music Lesson	1
MUSP 4__	Music Performance	1
MUSA 326	Music History and Literature I	3
Essential Learning - Humanities		3
General Electives (2 courses)		6
Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring Semester

MUSA 101	Concert Attendance	0
MUSL 4__	Music Lesson	1
MUSP 4__	Music Performance	1
Select one of the following:		2-3
MUSA 426	The Music of World Cultures	
Upper Division Music Elective		
MUSA 327	Music History and Literature II	3
MUSP 420	Senior Recital/Presentation	1
General Elective		4
Semester Credit Hours		12-13
Total Semester Credit Hours		120-122

Advising and Graduation Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the “Intent to Graduate” form to the Registrar’s Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student’s petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar’s Office regarding next steps.