

# ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE/ COMPOSITION

## Requirements

The Department of Music offers an accelerated bachelor's and master's program that allows students to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in a shorter time frame. All undergraduate performance and composition tracks in the Bachelor of Music may be combined with appropriate tracks in the Master of Music program.

## Admission Requirements

Students may apply for this program during the first term of their junior year, i.e. after earning 60 units. Students may begin the program once they have completed a minimum of 75 units, including units earned from advanced placement. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two terms as full-time students at Towson University. Applications for the program will not be accepted after the student has achieved 96 units in their undergraduate program.

- Students must complete the BM-MM application which is available in the Department of Music office. Students will be assessed on their performance and academic abilities prior to acceptance into the program.
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 overall and in the major, at the time of application, is required for admission to the program. All GPA calculations for admission are based upon the last 60 units of undergraduate study.
- The applicant must be a full-time undergraduate Music major.
- During the second term of the senior year, the student must also complete a graduate application with the Admissions Office and the Department of Music to be admitted to the graduate program.

## Withdrawal and Ineligibility

- Continuance in the master's program is contingent upon maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.00; students who do not maintain the minimum GPA will be ineligible to continue graduate work.
- Students must receive a grade of B or better in the double-counted graduate-level courses.
- Students who do not successfully complete the bachelor's portion of this track, or whose GPA does not meet the requirements for this track, may not proceed to the graduate level unless such deficiencies are resolved.
- Students who complete the bachelor's degree but decide not to continue with the master's degree will terminate their program with the fulfillment of all the requirements of the bachelor's degree.
- Students may withdraw from the accelerated bachelor's-master's degree program in music by informing the Chair and the Graduate Program Director in writing.
- Students who drop out will be allowed to use graduate-level courses to complete the bachelor's degree.
- Students who do not follow the approved plan of graduate work may become ineligible to participate in the accelerated program. If a

student becomes ineligible, the Graduate Program Director will inform the student in writing.

- Students who are ineligible to participate in or who withdraw from the accelerated degree program cannot double count any courses for both bachelor's and master's degrees.

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
MUSA 6XX	Applied Lessons (in place of MUSA 4XX Applied Lessons) <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 5XX/6XX	Upper Level MUSC electives	6
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Enrollment in the graduate Applied Lessons must come after the Senior Recital (MUSA 499) is completed.

- Nine units taken at the 500-and 600-levels during the senior year will be counted toward fulfilling the unit requirements in the MM degree.
- The bachelor's degree will be awarded after all the degree requirements for the bachelor's degree are met, which should normally be at the end of the fourth year.
- Please see the Graduate Catalog for the complete MM degree requirements.