

B.M. IN MUSIC - COMPOSITION CONCENTRATION

Requirements

This is a screened program. Please see the admission requirements for additional information.

Music Major Requirements

Students completing the Bachelor of Music degree in Music must earn a total of 83-86 units in the major. They must complete the required courses in Music (39 units) and one of the following concentrations: Composition (44 units), Guitar (44 units), Jazz/Commercial Music (Performance or Composition) (44 units), Keyboard (44 units), Voice (47 units), or Winds/Strings/Percussion (44 units). Music majors must complete minimum 24 upper-level (300-400) units in MUSC (Music), Music Applied (MUSA), and/or Music Education (MUED) courses toward the major at Towson University.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses for All Concentrations in Music		
MUSC 131	MUSIC THEORY AND MUSICIANSHIP I	2
MUSC 132	MUSIC THEORY II	2
MUSC 134	MUSICIANSHIP II	2
MUSC 201	MUSIC IN THE UNITED STATES	3
or MUSC 202	MUSIC CULTURES OF THE WORLD	
MUSC 231	MUSIC THEORY III	2
MUSC 233	MUSICIANSHIP III	2
MUSC 232	MUSIC THEORY IV	2
MUSC 234	MUSICIANSHIP IV	2
MUSC 287	CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY	3
MUSC 303	HISTORY OF MUSIC IN THE EUROPEAN CLASSICAL TRADITION	3
MUSA xxx	Applied lessons in the primary medium	16
Total Units		39

Composition Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Additional Music Courses		
MUSA 190	PIANO CLASS I	1
MUSA 194	FUNCTIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT TECHNIQUES	2
MUSC 331	MATERIALS, TECHNIQUES, AND PRACTICES OF 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY MUSIC	3
MUSC 335	CHORAL AND INSTRUMENTAL ARRANGING	3
MUSC 382	RECORDING TECHNIQUES I	3
MUSC 414	COUNTERPOINT	3
Select two of the following 400-level music history and culture courses		6
MUSC 401	ADVANCED MUSIC HISTORY	

MUSC 405	CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
MUSC 411	SURVEY OF OPERA
MUSC 413	SYMPHONIC LITERATURE
MUSC 421	MUSIC IN THE U.S.
MUSC 422	HISTORY OF MUSIC FOR FILM AND MEDIA
MUSC 426	JAZZ HISTORY
MUSC 471	SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC HISTORY AND CULTURE

Electives

MUSC xxx	Upper-division MUSC electives ¹	6
MUSA or MUSC xxx	Music Electives	2
IDFA or MUSC xxx	Electives	3

Additional Lessons, Ensembles, and Recital

MUSA xxx	Lessons in secondary medium	5
MUSA xxx	Ensembles: Six terms in ensembles reflecting diverse sizes and styles, with a minimum of two different ensembles. One term must include World Music Ensemble unless the student has completed a 3-unit global perspectives in music (MUSC) course.	6
MUSA 499	SENIOR RECITAL FOR BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE	1

Total Units **44**

¹ MUSC 493 may be taken for a maximum of 3 elective units only by successful petition to the department chair.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 100	2 MUSA 100	2
MUSA 190	1 MUSA 194	2
MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Primary Performance Area	1 MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Primary Performance Area	1
MUSC 131	2 MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3 MUSC 132	2
Core 3	3 MUSC 134	2
Core 5	3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
	Core 6	3
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Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 200	2 MUSA 200	2
MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Primary Performance Area	1 MUSA xxx Applied Lesson in Primary Performance Area	1
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1

MUSC 201 (Core 11)	3 MUSC 232	2
Or	MUSC 234	2
MUSC 202 (Core 12)	MUSC 303	3
MUSC 231	2 Core 7	4
MUSC 233	2	
MUSC 287 (Core 4)	3	

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Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 300	2 MUSA 300	2
MUSA xxx Applied Lesson in Primary Performance Area	1 MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSC 414	3
MUSC 331	3 Core 8	4
MUSC 335	3 Elective (Upper-Level Music History / Culture)	3
MUSC 382	3 Elective (MUSC or COFAC IDFA)	3
Core 9	3	

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Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 400	2 MUSA 400	2
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSA 499	1
Core 12 (or Core 11)	3 Core 10	3
Core 14	3 Core 13	3
Elective (Upper-Level Music History / Culture)	3 Elective (MUSA or MUSC)	2
Elective (MUSC or COFAC IDFA)	3 Elective (Upper-Level Music)	3

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Total Units 121