



Duluth Campus

Theory and Composition B.Mus.

Music

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 89
- Degree: Bachelor of Music

The B.Mus. in theory and composition is for students pursuing programs of intensive study to prepare for professional careers in music. The program assists students to acquire compositional and analytical skills to best express their musical ideas and provides students with advanced knowledge of the materials of contemporary and historical music and a theoretical understanding of their construction.

Department honors requirements: Candidates, nominated by the Department of Music faculty, receive honors for distinguished achievement in musical performance, composition, or exceptional ability and accomplishment as a music educator.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must pass a performance audition to be accepted into any music degree program. At the time of the audition, students must also complete diagnostic examinations in theory/aural/keyboards skills and an interview with the department head or an appointed designee. Any student who receives provisional acceptance into a degree program must pass a review (usually at the end of the first semester) to receive full acceptance. That review includes recommendations of major instructors and successful completion of an applied jury.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the [Liberal Education Program](#).
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. A second field of study (e.g. minor, major, degree) is not required for this major.
2. Courses with grades less than C- will not count toward the major.
3. Global experience is a UMD goal for all students, and international study is encouraged. Talk with an academic or faculty advisor to explore academic options for fulfilling some degree requirements through study abroad.

Learning in Community (1 cr)

The Learning in Community requirement will be waived for transfer students with at least 30 credits taken post high school and for UMD students who started in a UMD program where this was not required. First-year students who have completed 30 PSEO credits may request a waiver to the students primary college.

• [UST 1000](#) - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

or [EHS 1000](#) - Into the World [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [ES 1000](#) - Global Cultural Perspectives on Environmental Sustainability [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

or [LING 1000](#) - Language and Culture in the U.S. What does it Mean to Speak American [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

or [PSY 1100](#) - Living Your Best Life: Applying Positive Psychology [CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing (3 cr)

• [WRIT 3110](#) - Advanced Writing: Arts and Letters (3.0 cr)

Recital Hour (0 cr)

MU 100 must be taken concurrently each semester with the applied instruction in principal instrument.

Take 8 or more course(s) from the following:

• [MU 100](#) - Recital Hour (0.0 cr)

Music Core (22 cr)

Take 10 or more course(s) totaling 22 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [MU 1111](#) - Tonal Harmony I (3.0 cr)

• [MU 1112](#) - Ear-Training and Sight-Singing I (1.0 cr)

• [MU 1121](#) - Tonal Harmony II [LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)

• [MU 1122](#) - Ear-Training II (1.0 cr)

• [MU 2111](#) - Tonal Harmony III (3.0 cr)

• [MU 2112](#) - Ear-Training III (1.0 cr)

• [MU 2121](#) - Tonal Harmony IV (3.0 cr)

• [MU 2122](#) - Ear-Training, Sight Singing and Improvisation (1.0 cr)

• [MU 3201](#) - Music History I (3.0 cr)

• [MU 3202](#) - Music History II (3.0 cr)

Theory and Composition Core (20 cr)

Register for 3 credits of MU 4991. Register for 2 credits of MU 4997.

Take 10 or more course(s) totaling 20 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [MU 2110](#) - Jazz Theory (2.0 cr)

• [MU 3101](#) - Form and Analysis (2.0 cr)

• [MU 3705](#) - Instrumental Conducting I (1.0 cr)

• [MU 3805](#) - Jazz Writing I (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4101](#) - Instrumental Arranging (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4103](#) - Contrapuntal Techniques (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4200](#) - Advanced Music History (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4807](#) - Music Industry (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4991](#) - Independent Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

• [MU 4997](#) - Internship in Music (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

Foundations (3 cr)

Take 1 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [MU 1005](#) - Jazz Studies [LE CAT, LECD C, FINE ARTS, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)

• [MU 2001](#) - Ethnic and Folk Music of the World [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (3.0 cr)

• [MU 2005](#) - African Roots of American Music [LE CAT, LECD C] (3.0 cr)

Composition Core (12 cr)

Register for each course twice. This will result in 4 credits per course.

Take 6 or more course(s) totaling 12 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [MU 2105](#) - Composition I (2.0 cr)

• [MU 3105](#) - Composition II (2.0 cr)

• [MU 4105](#) - Composition III (2.0 cr)

Piano Core (3 cr)

Take 3 or more course(s) totaling 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

• [MU 1322](#) - Piano-Non Major (1.0 cr)

• [MU 1421](#) - Piano Class I (1.0 cr)

• [MU 1422](#) - Piano Class II (1.0 cr)

Applied Instruction Foundations - Lower Division (1000 Level) (8 cr)

One course is taken for four semesters. MU 100 must be taken concurrently each semester with the applied principal instrument course. Take these courses prior to passing MU 300.

Take 4 or more course(s) totaling 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

- MU 1311 - Voice-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1321 - Piano-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1325 - Jazz Piano-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1331 - Organ-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1351 - Violin - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1353 - Viola - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1355 - Cello - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1357 - Harp - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1359 - Bass - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1361 - Clarinet - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1363 - Saxophone - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1365 - Flute - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1367 - Oboe - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1369 - Bassoon - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1371 - Trumpet - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1373 - Trombone - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1375 - French Horn - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1377 - Tuba - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1379 - Euphonium - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1381 - Percussion-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1391 - Classical Guitar-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 1395 - Jazz Guitar-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)

Advanced Standing Exam

MU 300 - Advanced Standing Exam (0.0 cr)

Applied Instruction Foundations - Upper Division (4000 Level) (8 cr)

One course is taken for four semesters. MU 100 must be taken concurrently each semester with the applied principal instrument course. Take these courses after passing MU 300.

Take 4 or more course(s) totaling 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

- MU 4311 - Voice-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4321 - Piano-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4325 - Jazz Piano-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4331 - Organ-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4351 - Violin - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4353 - Viola - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4355 - Cello - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4357 - Harp - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4359 - Bass - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4361 - Clarinet - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4363 - Saxophone - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4365 - Flute - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4367 - Oboe - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4369 - Bassoon - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4371 - Trumpet - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4373 - Trombone - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4375 - French Horn - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4377 - Tuba - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4379 - Euphonium - Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4381 - Percussion-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4391 - Classical Guitar-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)
- MU 4395 - Jazz Guitar-Major (2.0 - 3.0 cr)

Ensemble Requirements (8 cr)

Only one course is taken every semester for 8 semesters.

Lower Division Ensembles

Take 4 or more course(s) totaling 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- MU 1501 - Concert Band [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1502 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1503 - Symphony Orchestra [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1510 - Concert Chorale [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1511 - University Singers [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)

**Upper Division Ensembles**

Take 4 or more course(s) totaling 4 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [MU 4501](#) - Concert Band (1.0 cr)
- [MU 4502](#) - Symphonic Wind Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- [MU 4503](#) - Symphony Orchestra (1.0 cr)
- [MU 4510](#) - Concert Chorale (1.0 cr)
- [MU 4511](#) - University Singers (1.0 cr)

Senior Recital (1 cr)

[MU 4300](#) - Senior Recital (1.0 cr)