Duluth Campus

Music B.A.

Music

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2021
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 61
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

The BA in music offers students a general course of music study in a liberal arts setting, providing students an overview of music theory, history, and performance practice. The program helps students acquire a broad and general understanding of music as a cultural/social phenomenon. Along with the courses required within the major, students must select a minor or second major appropriate to their academic goals.

Department Honors Requirements: Candidates, nominated by music department 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

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:

- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

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/keyboard 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. Transfer students must have a 2.50 GPA.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites
Learning In Community (1 cr)
Music majors register for 1 credit.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

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.

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Program Requirements

1. Minor or second major in another field outside of music.

2. Courses with grades less than C- will not count toward the major.

Additional Fine Arts Requirement (3 cr)

Three credits of any 1000-level or 2000-level fine arts course(s) from outside the students chosen major (Art, Art History, Dance, Fine Arts, or Theatre), provided that the student meets pre-requisites for the course(s). A 2-credit DN course may be substituted (Art or Music students only).

Recital Hour (0 cr)

MU 100 must be taken concurrently each semester with 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)

It is strongly recommended that BA students with voice as principal instrument register for MU 1411 Diction: Italian and English in the fall semester of their first year.
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)

Conducting Requirements (1 cr)

MU 3703 - Choral Conducting (1.0 cr)
or MU 3705 - Instrumental Conducting I (1.0 cr)

Electives (5 cr)

Take 5 or more credit(s) from the following:
- MU 2xxx
- MU 3xxx
- MU 4xxx
- MU 5xxx

Piano Classes (2 cr)

MU 1421 - Piano Class I (1.0 cr)
MU 1422 - Piano Class II (1.0 cr)

Applied Instruction and Advanced Standing (16 cr)

Students must complete 16 credits; 8 credits from MU 13xx and 8 credits from MU 43xx. With prior approval, students may complete 12 credits of MU 13xx and 4 credits of MU 43xx. MU 0100 must be taken concurrently each semester with applied instruction in principal instrument.

Principal Instrument - Lower Division

Two credits of principal instrument each semester before passing MU 300 Advanced Standing
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:
- MU 13xx

Advanced Standing (0 cr)

Advanced proficiency in principal instrument.
MU 300 - Advanced Standing Exam (0.0 cr)

Principal Instrument Upper Division

Two credits of principal instrument each semester after passing MU 300 Advanced Standing.
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:
- MU 43xx

Ensembles (8 cr)

Must take 1 each semester of enrollment.

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All Bachelor of Arts in Music students are required to take at least 4 semester of a primary ensemble associated with their principal instrument (MU 1501, 1502, 1503, 1505, 1510, 1511, 4501, 4502, 4503, 4505, 4510, or 4511). The remaining semesters of required ensemble credits must also be associated with their principal instrument, but need not be primary ensembles.
Take 8 or more credit(s) from the following:

Primary Ensemble

Take 4 - 8 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 1505 - Jazz Ensemble [LE CAT, LECD C, 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)
- MU 4501 - Concert Band (1.0 cr)
- MU 4502 - Symphonic Wind Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 4503 - Symphony Orchestra (1.0 cr)
- MU 4505 - Jazz Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 4510 - Concert Chorale (1.0 cr)
- MU 4511 - University Singers (1.0 cr)

•Additional Music Ensembles

Take 0 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

- MU 1504 - Chamber Orchestra [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1512 - Chamber Singers [LE CAT, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1513 - Vocal Jazz Ensemble [LE CAT, LECD C, FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 1515 - Percussion Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 3510 - Opera Studio [FINE ARTS] (1.0 cr)
- MU 4504 - Chamber Orchestra (1.0 cr)
- MU 4512 - Chamber Singers (1.0 cr)
- MU 4513 - Vocal Jazz Ensemble (1.0 cr)
- MU 4515 - Percussion Ensemble (1.0 cr)

Half Recital Requirement (0 cr)

MU 3350 - Half-Recital (0.0 cr)

Advanced Writing (3 cr)

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WRIT 3110 - Advanced Writing: Arts and Letters (3.0 cr)

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