**Bachelor of Music in Music Composition**

Degree Plan

# FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS (36 credits)

## Basic Skills

(See the university’s [general education requirements](https://generaleducation.missouri.edu/requirements/) for how these courses may be waived)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
| ENGLSH 1000 | Writing and Rhetoric |  | 3 |
| MATH 1100, 1050, 1160, or STAT 1200 |  |  | 3 |

## Second Language

(12 credits in a single language; see [A&S guidelines](https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#degreerequirements) for how this requirement may be waived)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
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## Breadth of Study

### *Physical, Biological, & Math Sciences*

(9 credits, 2 subject areas, 1 Physical or Biological Science lab)

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### *Social & Behavioral Sciences*

(9 credits total, including a [course](https://generaleducation.missouri.edu/courses/?category=ssci&prop=mslr&level=all) in American History or Government)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
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### Humanities and Fine Arts

(fulfilled by music courses)

## Depth of Study

At least 3 credits of 2000-level course work is required in Social, Behavioral, Physical, Biological, or Math Sciences chosen from the [distribution of content list](https://generaleducation.missouri.edu/courses/).

# MAJOR: MUSIC COMPOSITION (49 credits)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
| MUS\_THRY 1220 | Tonal Music Theory I |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 1221 | Tonal Music Theory II |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 1230 | Aural Training & Sight Singing I |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 1231 | Aural Training & Sight Singing II |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2220 | Tonal Music Theory III |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2221 | Tonal Music Theory IV |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2230 | Aural Training & Sight Singing III |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2231 | Aural Training & Sight Singing IV |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4220 | Post-Tonal Music Theory |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4224 | Counterpoint |  | 3 |
| MUS\_THRY 4226 | Instrumentation |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4227 | Orchestration |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2215 | Composition I |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 2216 | Composition II |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 3215 | Composition III |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 3216 | Composition IV |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4215 | Composition V |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4216 | Composition VI (Capstone Experience) |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4245 | Introduction to Electronic Music |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4247 | Introduction to Digital Synthesis |  | 2 |
| MUS\_THRY 4290 | Composition Seminar (6 credits min.) |  | 1 |
| MUS\_THRY 4290 | Composition Seminar |  | 1 |
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| MUS\_THRY 3xxx/4xxx | Music Theory Elective: |  | 2 |

# MUSIC HISTORY (9 credits)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
| MUS\_H\_LI 1388 | Music and Culture |  | 2 |
| MUS\_H\_LI 2307 | History of Western Music I |  | 2 |
| MUS\_H\_LI 2308 | History of Western Music II |  | 2 |
| MUS\_H\_LI 43xx | Music History Elective: |  | 3 |

# APPLIED (16 credits)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
| MUS\_APMS 1435 | Studio Instruction (1 semester, secondary instrument) |  | 1 |
| MUS\_APMS 1435 or  MUS\_I\_VT 4650 | Studio Instruction (2 semesters, secondary instrument) or  Composing for Percussion |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 1435 | Studio Instruction |  | 1 |
| MUS\_APMS 2455 | Studio Instruction (8 credits min.) |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 2455 | Studio Instruction |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 2455 | Studio Instruction |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 2455 | Studio Instruction |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 3455 | Studio Instruction (4 credits min.) |  | 2 |
| MUS\_APMS 3455 | Studio Instruction |  | 2 |

# ENSEMBLES (8 credits)

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| Number | Ensemble | Semester | Credit |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |
| MUS\_ENS 1841/1842 |  |  | 1 |

# OTHER MUSIC (6 credits)

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| Number | Course Title | Semester | Credit |
| MUS\_I\_VT 1610 | Group Piano for Music Majors I |  | 1 |
| MUS\_I\_VT 1611 | Group Piano for Music Majors II |  | 1 |
| MUS\_I\_VT 2610 | Group Piano for Music Majors III |  | 1 |
| MUS\_I\_VT 2611 | Group Piano for Music Majors IV |  | 1 |
| MUS\_I\_VT 2631 | Basic Conducting and Score Reading |  | 2 |
| MUS\_GENL 1091 | Recital Attendance |  | 0 |
| MUS\_GENL 1091 | Recital Attendance |  | 0 |
| MUS\_GENL 1091 | Recital Attendance |  | 0 |
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| MUS\_GENL 1091 | Recital Attendance |  | 0 |

# OTHER REQUIREMENTS

College of Arts and Sciences designated Diversity Intensive Course

Writing Intensive Course 1 (may either be music or non-music at any level)

Writing Intensive Course 2 (must be 3000/4000 level in music)

Missouri state law requirement for an American History or Government course

Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination (students enrolled after July 1, 2019)

30 Hours required at 3000 level or above, including music courses

# SAMPLE SEMESTER PLAN

Below is a sample plan of study for each semester of your degree. Your actual plan may vary; however, you are advised to take the music courses in the suggested sequence.

## Year 1

*Fall Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 2455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%202455) | Studio Instruction | 2 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 1220](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%201220) | Tonal Music Theory I | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 1230](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%201230) | Aural Training and Sight Singing I | 2 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 1610](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%201610) | Group Piano for Music Majors I | 1 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance (section 3) | 0 |
| [ENGLSH 1000](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=ENGLSH%201000) | Writing and Rhetoric | 3 |
|  | Second language\* | 4 |
|  | **Total** | **15** |

*Spring Semester*

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 2455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%202455) | Studio Instruction | 2 |
| [MUS\_APMS 1435](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%201435) | Studio Instruction (secondary instrument) | 1 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 1221](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%201221) | Tonal Music Theory II | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 1231](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%201231) | Aural Training and Sight Singing II | 2 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 1611](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%201611) | Group Piano for Music Majors II | 1 |
| [MUS\_H\_LI 1388](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_H_LI%201388) | Music and Culture | 2 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
|  | Second language\* | 4 |
|  | **Total** | **15** |

## Year 2

*Fall Semester*

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 2455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%202455) | Studio Instruction | 2 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2220](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202220) | Tonal Music Theory III | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2230](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202230) | Aural Training and Sight Singing III | 2 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 2610](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%202610) | Group Piano for Music Majors III | 1 |
| [MUS\_H\_LI 2307](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_H_LI%202307) | History of Western Music I | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2215](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202215) | Composition I\*\* | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
|  | Second language\* | 4 |
|  | **Total** | **17** |

*Spring Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 2455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%202455) | Studio Instruction | 2 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 2631](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%202631) | Basic Conducting and Score Reading | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2221](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202221) | Tonal Music Theory IV | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2230](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202231) | Aural Training and Sight Singing IV | 2 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 2611](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%202611) | Group Piano for Music Majors IV | 1 |
| [MUS\_H\_LI 2308](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_H_LI%202308) | History of Western Music II | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 2216](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%202216) | Composition II | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
|  | **Total** | **15** |

## Year 3

*Fall Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 3455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%203455) | Studio Instruction\*\*\* | 2 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 3215](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%203215) | Composition III | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4226](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204226) | Instrumentation | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4224W](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204224W) | Counterpoint (WI) | 3 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
| [MATH 1050](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MATH%201050)  [MATH 1100](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MATH%201100)  [STAT 1200](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=STAT%201200) | Quantitative Reasoning,  College Algebra, or  Introductory Statistical Reasoning | 3 |
|  | **Total** | **14** |

*Spring Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_APMS 3455](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_APMS%203455) | Studio Instruction | 2 |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 3216](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%203216) | Composition IV | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4227](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204227) | Orchestration\*\*\*\* | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4220](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204220) | Post-Tonal Music Theory | 2 |
| [MUS\_I\_VT 4650](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_I_VT%204650) | Composing for Percussion\*\*\*\* | 2 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
|  | [MO state law requirement](https://generaleducation.missouri.edu/courses/flag/mslr/)\* | 3 |
|  | **Total** | **15** |

## Year 4

*Fall Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4215](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204215) | Composition V | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4245](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Introduction to Electronic Music\*\*\*\* | 2 |
|  | 3000+ Music Theory Elective\*\*\*\* | 2 |
| [MUS\_GENL 1091](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_GENL%201091) | Recital Attendance | 0 |
|  | Lab science\* | 5 |
|  | Behavioral or Social Science\* | 3 |
|  | **Total** | **16** |

*Spring Semester*

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| Course Code | Title | Credits |
| [MUS\_ENS 1841](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201841)  [MUS\_ENS 1842](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_ENS%201842) | Instrumental Ensemble or  Choral Ensemble | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4216](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204216) | Composition VI (Capstone) | 2 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4290](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204290) | Music Composition Seminar | 1 |
| [MUS\_THRY 4247](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=MUS_THRY%204247) | Introduction to Digital Synthesis\*\*\*\* | 2 |
|  | 4000+ Music History Elective\*\*\*\* | 3 |
| [GEOL 1400](https://catalog.missouri.edu/search/?P=GEOL%201400) | Themes in Geology | 1 |
|  | Biological, Physical, or Math Science\* | 3 |
|  | 2000+ Behavioral or Social Science\* | 3 |
|  | **Total** | **16** |

\* Use a class search in [MyZou](https://myzou.missouri.edu), click “enable additional search criteria,” and then select the specific foundation requirement needed. In addition, one diversity intensive and two writing intensive courses must be taken (one writing intensive course must be at the 3000/4000 level in music). Refer to the [A&S Foundation Requirements](https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#degreerequirements) for additional information.

\*\* May start composition study in first year with portfolio submission and approval.

\*\*\* Permission for upper-level studio instruction must be attained by audition at the end of the fourth semester.

\*\*\*\* Refer to the [two-year course outlook](https://music.missouri.edu/undergrad/rotating-courses) on the School of Music website for courses that do not run every year. You may have to take these courses in different semesters or different years.