

# MUSICAL ARTS, B.M.A.

**Begin Campus:** University Park

**End Campus:** University Park

## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Musical Arts, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Requirements for the Major	88-90

**1-15 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 1-3 credits of GA; 0-12 credits in the area of Supporting Courses and Related Areas.**

### General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Knowledge Domains

- **Arts (GA):** 6 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 6 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 6 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 9 credits

### Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

- **Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses:** 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MUSIC 101	Music Common Hour	1
MUSIC 121	Basic Musicianship I	1
MUSIC 122	Basic Musicianship II	1
MUSIC 129S	First-Year Performance Seminar	3
MUSIC 131	Music Theory I	2
MUSIC 132	Music Theory II	2
MUSIC 162	Introduction to Music History	2
MUSIC 221	Basic Musicianship III	1
MUSIC 222	Basic Musicianship IV	1
MUSIC 231	Music Theory III	2
MUSIC 261	Survey of Music History I	3
MUSIC 262	Survey of Music History II	3
MUSIC 266	Basic Conducting	1
MUSIC 331	Tonal Analysis	2
MUSIC 332	Analysis of Twentieth Century Music	2

**Additional Courses***Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

INART 258A	Fundamentals of Digital Audio	1-3
or INART 258B	Fundamentals of Digital Audio	

Select 3 credits of the following:	3
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MUSIC 461W	Studies in Music History: Antiquity to 1600
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MUSIC 462W	Studies in Music History: 1550-1750
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MUSIC 463W	Studies in Music History: 1700-1900
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MUSIC 464W	Studies in Music History: 1850-Present
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**Supporting Courses and Related Areas***Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 21 credits in applied music through Level VIII of performance	21
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Select 8 credits of approved ensembles (see School of Music Handbook for list of ensembles)	8
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Select 4 credits in music in consultation with an adviser	4
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Select 24 credits (at least 12 at the 400 level) in consultation with adviser in an area of study other than music <sup>1</sup>	24
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<sup>1</sup> This list of courses must be approved by the College of Arts and Architecture's Dean of Undergraduate Studies. 0-12 of these 24 credits may be included in General Education.