

Advising Checklist – (revised 2026)

Bachelor of Music – Composition (81-86) units in Major

Name:

Instrument/Voice:

Starting Term/Catalog Year:

Notes:

Preparatory Courses (units not applicable toward major; students may challenge by exam)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 106	Fundamentals of Music Theory	3		
MUS 109	Intensive Keyboard Lab I	2		
MUS 209	Intensive Keyboard Lab II	2		

Theory/Musicianship (20 units) *MUS 310 & 410 must be taken in residence				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 110	Theory I: Diatonicism	3		
MUS 210	Theory II: Chromaticism	3		
MUS 310	Theory III: Form and Analysis	3		
MUS 410	Theory IV: 20th Century Techniques	3		
MUS 120	Musicianship I	2		
MUS 220	Musicianship II	2		
MUS 320	Musicianship III	2		
MUS 420	Musicianship IV	2		

History/Literature (15-20)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 150	Survey of U.S. Music (GE 3A)	3		
	OR			
MUS 343	Studies in Musical Genres: Jazz History (GE UD3)	3		
MUS 251	History of Western Music: Ancient 1750	3		
MUS 351	History of Western Music: 1750-present (WIC)	3		
MUS 300	Seminar (various topics)	3		
MUS 160A	Music 160A (GE 1B) (freshmen only)	4		
	AND			
MUS 160B	Music 160B (GE 3B)	4		
	OR			
MUS 350	Survey of World Music (GE UD3)	3		

Applied Skills (4)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
<i>Two of the following four piano classes (2 units)</i>				
MUS 292	Jazz Piano I	1		
MUS 392	Jazz Piano II	1		
OR				
MUS 309A	Keyboard Proficiency Lab I	1		
MUS 309B	Keyboard Proficiency Lab II	1		
MUS 490	Senior Project	2		

Private Instruction in Composition (6 semesters, not taken Freshman year)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 447	Private Instruction: Composition	1		
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Private Instruction on Instrument or Voice (6 semesters)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 147	Private Instruction	1		
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MUS 447	Private Instruction	1		
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Major Ensembles (8) (taken each semester in residence)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
		1		
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Music Electives (6) Consult with Advisor				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE

Instrumental or Vocal Repertory Class (6)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 151	Repertory Class	1		
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MUS 451	Repertory Class	1		
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Additional Courses for Composers (10)				
COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
MUS 159	Audio and Recording Production I	1		
MUS 259	Music Technology: Tools and Applications	2		
MUS 359	Audio and Recording Production II	1		
MUS 314	Orchestration	2		
MUS 401	Conducting	2		
MUS 425	Composition Seminar	2		

JURIES			
A performance jury is required at the end of each semester in the program, with the exception of the semester the Senior Recital/Project hearing and performance are given. Must pass at 75% or better to qualify. Jury score is 25% of Private Lesson Grade.			
TERM/YEAR	PASS	NO PASS	NOTES

GE COURSES *Indicates courses contained in the Major				
AREA	DESCRIPTION	UNITS	WHEN	GRADE
1A	Written Communication	3		
1B*	Critical Thinking*	3		
1C	Oral Communication	3		
2	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3		
3A*	Arts*	3		
3B*	Humanities*	3		
4	Social Sciences (2 different disciplines)	3		
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5A	Physical Sciences	3		
5B	Life Sciences	3		
5C	Lab Activity	1		
6	Ethnic Studies	3		
UD 2 or 5	Upper-division Math or Science	3		
UD 3	Upper-division Arts or Humanities	3		
UD 4	Upper-division Social Sciences	3		