

Academic Map: Music, Composition

Department: Music **Degree:** BM
Program/Major: Music
Track/Emphasis: Composition
Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No) No

Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

UCA Core Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>
LD UCA Core Check Sheet: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>
UD UCA Core Course List: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>
Degree Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>
Program Description: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments/ca/music/>
Course Descriptions: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* Lower-Division (LD) UCA Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

Scholarship recipients: Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote ¹.

Year 1

Fall (Credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	1230	Harmony I ²	2	
MUS	1231	Ear Training I ²	2	
MUS	2133	Piano III ³	1	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUSA	2Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	21xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
WRTG	1310	LD UCA Core: Writing Foundation ⁵ Introduction to College Writing	3	ENGL1013
MATH	1360 1390	LD UCA Core: Quantitative Quantitative Literacy or College Algebra	3	MATH1113 MATH1103
		LD UCA Core (First Year Seminar)	3	core link

Spring (Credit hours: 16)⁶

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	1232	Harmony II ²	2	
MUS	1233	Ear Training II ²	2	
MUS	2233	Composition Class ²	2	
MUS	2134	Piano IV ³	1	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUSA	2Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	21xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
WRTG ENGL	1320 1320	LD UCA Core: Research and Writing Academic Writing and Research or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Approved alternative	3	ENGL1023 ENGL1023 core link
BIOL	1400	LD UCA Core: Life Science Exploring Concepts in Biology or Approved alternative	4	BIOL1004 core link

Year 2**Fall (Credit hours: 16)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	2430	Theory III	4	
MUS	2210	Introduction to Music Technology	2	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUSA	2260	Composition Applied Instruction	2	
MUSA	2Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	21xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
		LD UCA Core	3	core link
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Spring (Credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	2431	Theory IV	4	
MUS	1340	LD UCA Core: Diversity in Creative Works ⁷ Introduction to Music Literature	3	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUSA	2260	Composition Applied Instruction	2	
MUSA	2Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	41xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
COMM	1300	LD UCA Core: Oral Communication Principles of Communication or Approved alternative	3	SPCH1003 core link
		General Elective ^{9, 10}	1	

Year 3⁸**Fall (Credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	3302	Music History I (UD UCA Core: C, D) ⁹	3	
MUS	3210	Counterpoint (UD UCA Core: I) ⁹	2	
MUS	3201	Conducting	2	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUSA	4460	Composition Applied Instruction	4	
MUSA	4Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	41xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
		General Elective ^{9, 10}	2	

Spring (Credit hours: 16)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	3303	Music History II (UD UCA Core: C, D) ⁹	3	
MUS	4215	Choral Arranging (if available) or approved substitution	2	
MUS	1000	Music Recital Attendance	0	
MUS	3230	Form and Analysis	2	
MUSA	4460	Composition Applied Instruction	4	
MUSA	4Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
MUSE	41xx	Large Ensemble ⁴	1	
		LD UCA Core	3	core link

Year 4**Fall (Credit hours: 14)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	4210	Instrumental Arranging	2	
MUSA	4460	Composition Applied Instruction	4	
MUSA	4Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
PHYS	1400	LD UCA Core: Physical Science Physical Science for General Education or approved alternative	4	PHSC1004 core link
		General Elective (UD UCA Core: R) ^{9, 10}	3	

Spring (Credit hours: 12)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
MUS	4102	Senior Recital (UD UCA Core: Z) ⁹	1	
MUSA	4460	Composition Applied Instruction	4	
MUSA	4Vxx	Applied Lesson, Instrumental or Vocal	1	
		LD UCA Core	3	core link
		General Elective ^{9, 10}	3	

Notes

¹ See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

Notes – *continued*

² A minimum grade of “B” is required in MUS 1232, 1233, and 2233 for admission to the Bachelor of Music in Composition degree program.

³ MUS 2133 Piano III and MUS 2134 Piano IV are degree requirements but many students need MUS 1131 Piano I and/or MUS 1132 Piano II prior to MUS 2133 Piano III. Piano placement exams occur immediately before the beginning of classes in the fall semester of the first year of study.

⁴ Large ensembles include MUSE 2101/4101 Marching Band, MUSE 2102/4102 Wind Ensemble, MUSE 2103/4103 Symphonic Band, MUSE 2110/4110 Concert Choir, MUSE 2111/4111 University Chorus, and MUSE 2120/4120 Symphony. During the course of the degree program, it is expected that students will take an appropriate mix of small conducted ensembles in addition to the required large ensemble each semester, as assigned by the major applied professor and the advisor. Students receiving music scholarships should review their scholarship contract/award letter for specific ensemble participation requirements.

⁵ See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under [UCA Core](#) in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete an LD UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. An approved LD UCA Core lab science and an approved LD UCA Core math course should be taken in the first two years if possible.

⁶ Bachelor of Music in Composition students should notify the composition faculty of their intent to apply for admission to the program during the freshman year. In addition to the minimum grade requirements in MUS 1232, 1233, and 2233 students must also submit an audition portfolio of two or three pieces for different media at the end of the freshman year. Students who have significant composition experience prior to entering UCA as freshmen may submit a portfolio of two or three compositions to the composition faculty when applying for admission to the music program or during the summer before the freshman year.

⁷ MUS 1340 Introduction to Music Literature is a degree-required course. MUS 1340 also fulfills the LD UCA Core Diversity in Creative Works requirement and is designated as a Fine Arts (FA) course.

⁸ All BM, BME, and BA music majors must pass all three sections of the Upper-Division Qualifying Assessment (UDQA) prior to enrollment in upper-division MUS courses. The musicianship portions of the exam (piano and sight-singing) will take place at the end of the fourth semester of musicianship courses (harmony/theory, ear training, and piano courses). The performance section of the exam (applied jury) will take place at the end of the fourth semester of applied study on the student’s major instrument/voice. For more information visit uca.edu/music/udqa/.

⁹ To fulfill Upper-Division (UD) UCA Core requirements, students must complete approved UD UCA Core courses designated as Communication (C), Critical Inquiry (I), Diversity (D), and Responsible Living (R). Students must also complete an Upper-Division UCA Core Capstone course (Z). Students should carefully choose general elective courses to ensure all UD UCA Core requirements (including a minimum of 40 upper-division credit hours) are fulfilled. For more information, consult with your academic advisor and see the [UCA Core](#) section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin*.

¹⁰ General elective courses are included in this plan of study to ensure students complete a minimum of 120 credit hours. Any courses that do not fulfill other LD Core or major degree requirements are general electives.