

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN MUSIC

Required Courses for Majors

Bachelor of Arts in Music - 120 Semester Credit Hours (SCH)

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Bachelor of Arts in Music

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Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ²		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts) ³		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ⁴		4
Degree Specific Requirement		
Foreign Language ⁴		14
Major: Foundation		
MUSI 1181	Class Piano, Level 1 ⁵	1
MUSI 1182	Class Piano, Level 2 ⁵	1
MUSI 1222	Theory Of Music I	2
MUSI 1223	Theory Of Music II	2
MUSI 1224	Musicianship I	2
MUSI 1225	Musicianship II	2
MUSI 1379	Survey of World Music Cultures ²	3
MUSI 2222	Theory Of Music III	2
MUSI 2224	Musicianship III	2
MUSI 2348	Survey of Music Literature (Writing Enhanced) ³	3
MUSI 3377	Music History: Classic to Present (Writing Enhanced)	3
or MUSI 3376	Music History: Antique through Baroque	
Ensembles (5 SCH), Applied Lessons (12 SCH), additional Advanced Music Courses (14 SCH) ⁶		
Select five of the following (Two must be Advanced):		5
MUEN 1110/3110	Keyboard Skills and Collaborative Techniques	
MUEN 1111/3111	Choral Ensemble	
MUEN 1115/3115	Jazz Band	
MUEN 1116/3116	Band	
MUEN 1117/3117	Orchestra	
MUEN 1119/3119	Opera Workshop	
MUEN 2116/4116	Wind Ensemble	
Applied Lessons - Studio Instruction:		
XXXX1201	Ind. Performances - Applied Lessons, Lower-Level	8
XXXX 3201	Ind. Performances - Applied Lessons, Upper Level ⁵	4
Major: Prescribed Electives		14
NOTE: No more than 4 additional ensemble hours can be counted toward the degree.		
MUEN 3110	Keyboard Skills & Collaboration Technique	

MUEN 3111	Choral Ensemble
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Performance/Music Advanced Electives	
XXXX 3201 Ind. Performances (SCH 2) - Applied Lessons: Advanced (May be repeated once for degree credit): ⁵	
XXXX 3202 Applied Lessons with Junior Recital: SCH 2 ⁷	
MUSI 3362	Orchestration And Analysis
MUSI 3363	Structure And Analysis (Writing Enhanced)
MUSI 3364	Improvisation
MUSI 3367	Studies In Music For Children
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or MUSI 3376	Music History: Antique through Baroque
MUSI 4224	Conducting II
MUSI 4373	Electronic Music
MUSI 4374	20th Century Musical Styles
MUSI 4375	Film Scoring
MUSI 4380	Opera Literature
MUSI 4381	Song History and Literature
Electives: Advanced	19
Advanced Electives (non-music courses only)	
Minor: Not Required ^{8,9}	
Total Hours	120

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² MUSI 1379 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

³ MUSI 2348 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area V (Creative Arts).

⁴ Four semesters of one language required. An Intermediate I or II language course satisfies 3 credit hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

⁵ Not required if enrolled in PIAN 1201 (Piano Concentration). Additional elective credits must be substituted.

⁶ Select one of the Ensembles from the table below. Ensembles require advisor and conductor/director/faculty approval.

⁷ Students must pass the Sophomore Applied Proficiency before registering for upper-level applied lessons. This Proficiency may be taken up to 3 times.

⁸ A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.

⁹ The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Music.

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Advanced Electives: Students should use the advanced electives (3000- or 4000-level courses) to complete the 42 advanced hour requirement for graduation. 120 Hour Requirement: 120 is the minimum number of hours required for graduation.

Other courses may be recommended by an advisor and must be approved by the Director of the School of [Music](#).

Writing Enhanced Courses. All undergraduate students are required to complete at least six hours of writing enhanced courses within the discipline, of which three hours must be advanced.

Ensembles

The following performance ensembles are open to all students of the university who qualify by audition:

Large Ensembles

Code	Title	Hours
Large Ensembles-		
Marching/Concert Band-for Wind and Percussion Students		
MUEN 1116/3116	Band	1
Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band-for Wind and Percussion Students		
MUEN 2116/4116	Wind Ensemble	1
Orchestra-for String Students and Wind and Percussion Students		
MUEN 1117/3117	Orchestra	1
Chorus-for Vocal Students		
MUEN 1111/3111	Choral Ensemble	1

Small Ensembles

No more than eight hours earned in large ensembles may be counted toward a degree. Small ensembles may be counted if approved by the ensemble director, studio instructor, and the Director, School of Music.

Additional small ensembles, such as Jazz Ensemble, Opera Workshop, and Chamber Music are strongly encouraged for those who qualify by audition:

Code	Title	Hours
Small Ensembles		
Jazz Ensemble		
MUEN 1115/3115	Jazz Band	1
Opera Workshop		
MUEN 1119/3119	Opera Workshop	1
Chamber Music (smaller instrumental groups, including piano trios, string quartets, guitar ensemble, percussion ensemble, etc.)		
MUEN 1118/3118	Chamber Music	1
Keyboard Skills and Collaborative Techniques-for Keyboard performance major students only		
MUEN 1110/3110	Keyboard Skills and Collaborative Techniques	1

Ensembles

- Music majors should enroll in at least one ensemble each semester they are enrolled as full-time students (except the student teaching semester).
- Students enrolled in studio instruction should be concurrently enrolled in an ensemble.
- Jazz Ensemble will not normally be considered to be the major ensemble for graduation hours.
- Students should not be enrolled in more than 2 ensembles per semester.
- Music Therapy majors must participate in 6 semesters of ensemble.

NOTE: Modifications or exceptions may be made in rare or unusual circumstances but require approval by the Director, School of Music in coordination with ensemble directors and studio instructors.

Marching Band (for Wind and Percussion students)

- Wind and Percussion students in the Teacher Certification program are required to be in Marching Band for 3 semesters.
- Music Therapy Majors, music performance majors, music minors, and non-majors are encouraged to participate in Marching Band.

For information regarding Common Course numbers for Ensemble, please refer to the Common Course listing in this catalog.

Ind. Performances/Applied Music Instruction and Practicums (Music Therapy)

Code	Title	Hours
Applied Music Instruction (Instrument, Voice, Music Therapy Practicum)		
Bassoon		
BSSN 1201	Individual Performances-Bassoon	2
BSSN 3201	Individual Performances-Bassoon	2
BSSN 3202	Applied Bassoon with Junior Recital	2
Cello		
VNCL 1201	Individual Performances-Violncello	2
VNCL 3201	Individual Performances-Violncello	2
VNCL 3202	Applied Cello with Junior Recital	2
Clarinet		
CLAR 1201	Individual Performances - Clarinet	2
CLAR 3201	Individual Performances - Clarinet	2
CLAR 3202	Applied Clarinet with Junior Recital	2
Composition		
COMP 1101	Applied Composition I	1
COMP 3301	Applied Composition II	3
Euphonium		
EUPH 1201	Individual Performances-Euphonium	2
EUPH 3201	Individual Performances-Euphonium	2
EUPH 3202	Applied Euphonium with Junior Recital	2
Flute		
FLUT 1201	Individual Performances-Flute	2
FLUT 3201	Individual Performances-Flute	2
FLUT 3202	Applied Flute with Junior Recital	2
French Horn		
HORN 1201	Individual Performances-French Horn	2
HORN 3201	Individual Performances-French Horn	2
HORN 3202	Applied Horn with Junior Recital	2
Guitar		
GUIT 1201	Individual Performances-Guitar	2
GUIT 3201	Individual Performances-Guitar	2
GUIT 3202	Applied Guitar with Junior Recital	2
Harp		
HARP 1201	Harp	2
HARP 3201	Harp	2
HARP 3202	Applied Harp with Junior Recital	2
Oboe		
OBOE 1201	Individual Performances-Oboe	2
OBOE 3201	Individual Performances-Oboe	2
OBOE 3202	Applied Oboe with Junior Recital	2
Organ		
ORGN 1201	Individual Performances-Organ	2
ORGN 3201	Individual Performances-Organ I	2
ORGN 3202	Applied Organ with Junior Recital	2
Percussion		

PERC 1201	Individual Performances-Percussion	2
PERC 3201	Individual Performances-Percussion	2
PERC 3202	Applied Percussion w/ Jr Recital	2
Piano		
PIAN 1201	Individual Performances-Piano	2
PIAN 3201	Individual Performances-Piano	2
PIAN 3202	Applied Piano with Junior Recital	2
Saxophone		
SAXO 1201	Individual Performances-Saxophone	2
SAXO 3201	Individual Performances-Saxophone	2
SAXO 3202	Applied Saxophone with Junior Recital	2
String Bass		
STBS 1201	Individual Performances-String Bass	2
STBS 3201	Individual Performances-String Bass	2
STBS 3202	Applied String Bass w/ Jr Recital	2
Trumpet		
TRMT 1201	Individual Performances-Trumpet	2
TRMT 3201	Individual Performances-Trumpet	2
TRMT 3202	Applied Trumpet with Junior Recital	2
Tuba		
TUBA 1201	Individual Performances-Tuba	2
TUBA 3201	Individual Performances-Tuba	2
TUBA 3202	Applied Tuba with Junior Recital	2
Trombone		
TRMB 1201	Individual Performances-Trombone	2
TRMB 3201	Individual Performances-Trombone	2
TRMB 3202	Applied Trombone with Junior Recital	2
Viola		
VIOL 1201	Individual Performances-Viola	2
VIOL 3201	Individual Performances-Viola	2
VIOL 3202	Applied Viola with Junior Recital	2
Violin		
VILN 1201	Individual Performances-Violin	2
VILN 3201	Individual Performances-Violin	2
VILN 3202	Applied Violin with Junior Recital	2
Voice		
VOIC 1201	Individual Performances-Voice	2
VOIC 3201	Individual Performances-Voice	2
VOIC 3202	Applied Voice with Junior Recital	2
Practicum – Early Childhood		
MUSI 3117	Practicum In Music Therapy I	1
Practicum – Special Needs		
MUSI 3118	Practicum In Music Therapy II	1
Practicum – Psychiatric/Geriatric		
MUSI 4110	Practicum In Music Therapy III	1
Practicum – Medical		
MUSI 4111	Practicum In Music Therapy IV	1

Applied Music Fees

Students enrolled in Applied Music Instruction are required to pay a fee at the time of registration on a per-course basis each semester.

Semester Hours	Texas Resident	Semester Hours	Nonresident
	Amount		Amount
2-hour course	\$60.00	2-hour course	\$60.00
4-hour course	\$75.00	4-hour course	\$75.00

There is no additional charge for use of practice rooms.

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area I (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai)		3 Component Area I (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai)	3
Component Area II (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 MUEN XXXX Lower-level Ensemble ²	1
MUEN XXXX Lower-Level Ensemble ²		1 MUSI 1182 ³	1
MUSI 1181 ³		1 MUSI 1223	2
MUSI 1222		2 MUSI 1225	2
MUSI 1224		2 XXXX 1201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Lower Level	2
XXXX 1201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Lower Level		2	
		15	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area VI (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi)	3
Component Area VI (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi)		3 Component Area VII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)	3
MUSI 1379 ⁴		3 Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)	3
MUSI 2222		2 MUEN XXXX Lower-Level Ensemble ²	1
MUSI 2224		2 MUSI 2348 (Writing Enhanced) ⁵	3
XXXX 1201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Lower Level		2 XXXX 1201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Lower Level	2
		16	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Foreign Language ⁶		4 Component Area VII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)	3

MUEN XXXX Upper-Level Ensemble ²	1 Foreign Language ⁶	4
MUSI 3376 or 3377 (Writing Enhanced)	3 MUEN XXXX Upper-Level Ensemble ²	1
Performance/Music Advanced Electives ⁷	5 Performance/Music Advanced Electives ⁷	6
XXXX 3201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Upper Level ⁸	2 XXXX 3201 Ind. Performances-Applied Lessons, Upper Level ⁸	2
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced Electives (non-music only)		9 Advanced Electives (non-music only)	10
Foreign Language ⁶		3 Foreign Language ⁶	3
Performance/Music Advanced Electives ⁷		3	
	15		13

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MUEN 1111 & MUEN 3111	Choral Ensemble and Choral Ensemble	2
MUEN 1115 & MUEN 3115	Jazz Band and Jazz Band	2
MUEN 1116 & MUEN 3116	Band and Band	2
MUEN 1117 & MUEN 3117	Orchestra and Orchestra	2
MUEN 1119 & MUEN 3119	Opera Workshop and Opera Workshop	2
MUEN 2116	Wind Ensemble	1
MUEN 2159	Production Workshop	1

Note: All Electives **must be** upper-level.

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Performance/Music Advanced Electives⁷		
MUEN 3110	Keyboard Skills & Collaboration Technique ¹	1
MUEN 3111	Choral Ensemble ¹	1
MUEN 3115	Jazz Band ¹	1
MUEN 3116	Band ¹	1
MUEN 3117	Orchestra ¹	1
MUEN 3118	Chamber Music ¹	1
MUEN 3119	Opera Workshop ¹	1
MUEN 4116	Wind Ensemble ¹	1
XXXX 3202 Applied Study w/ Jr Recital		2
XXXX Applied Study (may be repeated once for degree credit)		2

MUSI 3362	Orchestration And Analysis	3
MUSI 3363	Structure And Analysis (Writing Enhanced)	3
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BA in Music is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Communication skills: written, verbal, and musical.
- Critical and creative thinking, multitasking, and problem-solving skills.
- Versatile 21st century musicians with professional, collaborative, and inclusive demeanor.

- Entrepreneurial in spirit including leadership, marketing, and self-promotion.
- Community engagement and ability to work with diverse populations.