

MUSIC (BA)

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

The Bachelor of Arts in Music introduces a student to the role of music in today's world, helps form personal goals, and provides the discipline, skills and knowledge to accomplish those goals. The program develops musical skills, encourages creativity, and cultivates vision for the future. The University's polytechnic emphasis also provides an excellent opportunity to explore music in conjunction with a wide range of other fields. Graduates are prepared to begin specialized study at the graduate level and to enter a wide variety of professional careers.

The Music Department is a valuable resource for the non-music major. Its courses and performing ensembles are open to all students who wish to enrich their lives through music. Qualified students may explore the subject in depth by minoring in music.

The Music Department also serves as a cultural center for both the university and the community through a program of public performances by student and faculty groups and through clinics, workshops, concerts, and lectures by outstanding individuals from outside the university.

Acceptance into the music major program requires a demonstrated ability on an instrument or in voice, or talent through other musical media, plus the ability to read music at a fundamental level. An audition is required before admission to evaluate whether a student meets the program's expected level of musical ability.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Identify and analyze cultural frameworks in music, including issues related to diversity, social and economic inequities, and political power.
2. Identify and analyze musical elements and structures in various contexts.
3. Create music in various contexts.
4. Perform music in various contexts.
5. Implement relevant technology in musical activities.
6. Communicate effectively through and about music.

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

- 40 units of upper-division courses
- 2.0 GPA
- Graduation Writing Requirements (GWR)
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: No Major or Support courses may be selected as credit/no credit. In addition, no more than 12 units of cooperative or internship courses can count towards your degree requirements.

Code	Title	Units
MAJOR COURSES		
MU 1100	Introduction to Music Studies	1
Musicianship Requirement		
Complete from the following based on placement:		4
MU 1104	Musicianship I	
MU 1106	Musicianship II	
MU 3304	Musicianship III	
MU 3306	Musicianship IV	
Materials and Structures of Music Requirement		
Complete from the following based on placement:		8
MU 1103	Materials and Structures of Music I	
MU 2203	Materials and Structures of Music II	
MU 3303	Materials and Structures of Music III	
Applied Lessons		
Select from the following:		6
MU 1150	Applied Music I	
MU 2250	Applied Music II	

MU 3350	Applied Music III	
Major Ensemble		
Select from the following: ¹		6
MU 1168	Piano Accompanying	
MU 1171	Jazz Band	
MU 1172	Symphonic Band	
MU 1173	Wind Ensemble	
MU 1174	Symphony Orchestra	
MU 1181	PolyPhonics	
MU 1182	Cantabile	
MU 1183	University Singers	
MU 1184	Chamber Choir	
MU 1187	Vocal Jazz Ensemble	
MU 1188	Arab Music Ensemble	
MU 3368	Piano Accompanying	
MU 3371	Jazz Band	
MU 3372	Symphonic Band	
MU 3373	Wind Ensemble	
MU 3374	Symphony Orchestra	
MU 3381	PolyPhonics	
MU 3382	Cantabile	
MU 3383	University Singers	
MU 3384	Chamber Choir	
MU 3387	Vocal Jazz Ensemble	
MU 3388	Arab Music Ensemble	
MU 1122	Ethnomusicology and World Music I	4
Select from the following: (3A) (USCP) ²		3-4
MU 2221	Jazz Styles	
MU 2227	Popular Music of the United States	
MU 2222	Ethnomusicology and World Music II	4
MU 3311	Introduction to Music Technology and Composition	4
MU 3331	Historical Musicology I	4
MU 4431	Historical Musicology II	4
MU 4461	Senior Project	2
Upper-Division Music Electives		
Select from the following: ³		15
MU 3301	Counterpoint	
MU 3303	Materials and Structures of Music III ⁴	
MU 3304	Musicianship III ⁴	
MU 3306	Musicianship IV ⁴	
MU 3312	Sound Art and Advanced Production Techniques	
MU 3320	Writing About Music	
MU 3325	Music of the United States	
MU 3326	World Music Theory and Practice	
MU 3336	Jazz History and Theory	
MU 3340	Conducting: Fundamentals	
MU 3341	Conducting: Choral	
MU 3342	Conducting: Instrumental	
MU 3351	Jazz and Popular Music Arranging	
MU 3352	Orchestration	
MU 3360	Music for Classroom Teachers	
MU 3361	Instruments	

MU 3368	Piano Accompanying
MU 3370	Instrumental Ensemble
MU 3371	Jazz Band
MU 3372	Symphonic Band
MU 3373	Wind Ensemble
MU 3374	Symphony Orchestra
MU 3375	New / Electronic Music Ensemble
MU 3377	Methods Ensemble
MU 3378	Mustang Band Field Show
MU 3380	Vocal Ensemble
MU 3381	PolyPhonics
MU 3382	Cantabile
MU 3383	University Singers
MU 3384	Chamber Choir
MU 3388	Arab Music Ensemble
MU 3389	Vocal Practicum
MU 4400	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates
MU 4411	Music Technology and Multimedia Performance
MU 4412	Composing and Producing a Multimedia Performance
MU 4450	Applied Music IV
MU 4465	Choral Literature and Rehearsal Techniques
MU 4466	Instrumental Literature and Rehearsal Techniques
MU 4470	Special Advanced Topics

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)

(See GE program requirements below)

40

FREE ELECTIVES

Free Electives ^{5, 6}

14-15

Total Units
120

- ¹ At least two units must be upper-division to complete the Major Ensemble requirement.
- ² Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.
- ³ No more than 2 units of music electives may be satisfied by the following courses: MU 3368, MU 3370, MU 3371, MU 3372, MU 3373, MU 3374, MU 3375, MU 3377, MU 3378, MU 3380, MU 3381, MU 3382, MU 3383, MU 3384, MU 3387, MU 3388, or MU 3389.
- ⁴ Course may be taken if not used to satisfy a requirement listed above.
- ⁵ If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- ⁶ Free Electives may need to be at the 3000-4000 level to ensure completion of the required minimum of 40 units of upper-division courses.

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 43 units required, 3 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 40 Units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/academic-standards-policies/general-requirements-bachelors-degree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: 1A (English Composition), 1B (Critical Thinking), 1C (Oral Communication), and 2 (Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning).

Lower-Division General Education

Area 1	English Communication and Critical Thinking	
1A	Written Communication	3
1B	Critical Thinking	3
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	
2	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning	3

Area 3	Arts and Humanities	
3A	Arts (3 units in Major) ¹	0
3B	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	3
Area 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	
4A	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	3
4B	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Area 5	Physical and Life Sciences	
5A	Physical Sciences	3
5B	Life Sciences	3
5C	Laboratory (may be embedded in a 5A or 5B course)	1
Area 6	Ethnic Studies	
6	Ethnic Studies	3
Upper-Division General Education		
Upper-Division 2/5	Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning or Physical and Life Sciences	3
Upper-Division 3	Arts and Humanities	3
Upper-Division 4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4 courses must come from at least two different course prefixes.)	3
Total Units		40

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

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