

Associate in Arts Degree: Music - Composition

The Music Composition program is designed to give students the ability to develop an individualistic artistic voice through the exposure to the rigors of traditional music theory, performance and musicianship, with the option to choose amongst various elective courses to focus on their area of creative interest.

The Department of Music offers a comprehensive curriculum to prepare songwriters, electronic minded musicians, symphonic composers, pop and jazz enthusiasts, in the path toward successful creative careers.

Music students in this major must participate in at least two major performing group while enrolled in the program. Students should select a performing group that fits their performance specialty or interest.

Degree Student Learning Outcome:

Students will be able to apply theoretical music concepts and performance-based skills to produce and to create original music.

Program Requirements:

Units Required: 21-24

	Units:
MUSIC-103 Musicianship Skills III	1.0
MUSIC-104 Musicianship Skills IV	1.0

Plus a minimum of nine units from the following:

MUSIC-120A Tonal Harmony I	3.0
MUSIC-120B Tonal Harmony II	3.0
MUSIC-126 Pop and Jazz Music Theory	3.0
MUSIC-220A Chromatic Harmony I	3.0
MUSIC-220B Chromatic Harmony II	3.0

Plus a minimum of six units from the following:

MUSIC-118 Popular Songwriting	3.0
MUSIC-125 Studies in Music Composition	3.0
MUSIC-127 Orchestration for Strings and Woodwinds	3.0
MUSIC-128 Orchestration for Brass, Percussion, and Harp	3.0
MUSIC-142 Electronic Music Composition	3.0
MUSIC-146 Electronic Music for the Stage	3.0

Plus a minimum of two units from the following:

MUSIC-131 Keyboard Instruction I	2.0
MUSIC-132 Keyboard Instruction II	2.0
MUSIC-160 Guitar Studies I	2.0
MUSIC-161 Guitar Studies II	2.0
MUSIC-167 Jazz Guitar Studies I	2.0
MUSIC-168 Jazz Guitar Studies II	2.0

Plus a minimum of two - five units from the following:

MUSIC-116	Performance Ensembles for Music Theater	1.0 - 3.0
MUSIC-151	Jazz Improvisation	1.0
MUSIC-153	Studio Jazz Ensemble	1.0
MUSIC-165	Symphony of the Canyons	1.0
MUSIC-185	Symphonic Band	1.0
MUSIC-186	Music Ensemble	1.0

Recommended electives:

MUSIC-100	Fundamentals of Music	3.0
MUSIC-101	Musicianship Skills I	1.0
MUSIC-102	Musicianship Skills II	1.0