

GENERAL MAJOR - BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Overview

The General major follows a prescribed Program of Study in addition to the common core courses students take in their first year. Students choose from music options and non-music electives to customize their program.

Students can remain undeclared or declare a minor in the following:

- Music Career Management
- Music Education
- Music Technology and Production¹
- Songwriting

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Competitive Minor.

Bachelor of Music

Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications
MacEwan.ca/MusicDegree (<http://MacEwan.ca/MusicDegree/>)

The Bachelor of Music focuses on the study of jazz and contemporary popular music, responds to the current demands of the industry and combines a high degree of professionalism along with the academic rigour required for further education at the graduate level. The opportunity to study with internationally renowned professionals while following a challenging academic curriculum will give you the skills, insights, competency and credentials to pursue a career as a performer, creator and leader in the evolving music industry.

Year 1

All Bachelor of Music students share a common curriculum in the first year that focuses on individual study (voice, piano, guitar, bass, drums, winds, brass or violin), performance ensemble, theory (jazz and traditional), aural skills, and musicology).

years 2-4

After successful completion of the first year, students pursue a major route (specialized Program of Study).

Major routes include: Composition, General, Performance, and Recording and Production. Students following the four-year General route also have the opportunity to pursue one of four unique minors: Music Career Management, Music Education, Music Technology and Production, or Songwriting.

Students can obtain a diploma credential after completing their second year.

Career Potential

The Department of Music has been training some of Canada's most talented musicians for over 50 years. The Bachelor of Music prepares students for the music profession and for further studies at the graduate level. Graduates have gone on to successful careers as performers, songwriters, arrangers, composers, electronica creators, sound designers, recording engineers and producers, record distributors, music managers, agents, marketers and promoters, music directors, accompanists, sound technicians, technologists, consultants, educators, researchers and

academics. The Department of Music has a world-class faculty that includes highly skilled performers, creators, educators and academics, many of whom hold doctorates and master's degrees in music as well as a variety of regional, national and international awards.

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Degree Requirements

Program Element	Description	Credits
Core Year Requirements	Students complete 30 credits of Music courses and 6 credits of university English (ENGL) courses.	36
Major Requirements	Students complete 38 to 74 credits of required Music courses in their chosen major. The number of required courses varies by major.	38-74
Minor Requirements	Students in the General Major complete 15 to 18 credits in one of the four minors: Music Career Management, Music Education, Music Technology and Production, or Songwriting. Students in the General Major also have the option of having no minor.	15-18
Program Options	Students complete 6 to 36 credits of program options, depending on their chosen major. The number of program options students complete varies by major.	6-36
Electives	Students complete 12 to 18 credits of electives. The number of electives students complete varies by major.	12-18
Total		128

Core Year Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 102	Analysis and Argument	3
Choose an ENGL course from the following:		3
ENGL 103	Approaches to Literature: Trends and Traditions	
ENGL 104	Approaches to Literature: Narrative Across Media	
ENGL 105	Approaches to Literature: Contemporary Literature and Culture	

MUSC 103	Theory I: Introduction to Music Theory	3
MUSC 104	Theory II: Harmony, Voice Leading, and Function	3
MUSC 111	Ear Training I	3
MUSC 112	Ear Training II	3
MUSC 123	Musicology I: Historical Musicology	3
MUSC 124	Musicology II: Popular Music Studies	3
MUSC 131	Principal Instrument I	3
MUSC 132	Principal Instrument II	3
MUSC 141	Master Class I	3
MUSC 142	Master Class II	3
MUSC 188	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 189	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
Total Credits		36

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The minimum passing grade for this course is CR.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 201	Theory III: Jazz Harmony and Analysis	3
MUSC 202	Theory IV: Chromatic Harmony, Form and Analysis	3
MUSC 213	Ear Training III	3
MUSC 214	Ear Training IV	3
MUSC 215	Functional Keyboard I	1.5
or MUSC 217	Accompanying I	
MUSC 216	Functional Keyboard II	1.5
or MUSC 218	Accompanying II	
MUSC 221	Applied Instrument I	1.5
MUSC 222	Applied Instrument II	1.5
MUSC 263	Introduction to Music Technology and Production	3
MUSC 294	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 295	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 313	Arranging I: Introduction to Arranging	3
MUSC 361	Introduction to Music Career Management	3
MUSC 396	Performance Ensemble	1
MUSC 397	Performance Ensemble	1
MUSC 424	Ethnomusicology	3
MUSC 426	History of Electro-Acoustic Music	3
MUSC 427	Cultural Studies of Music	3

Minor Requirements

Students complete 15 to 18 credits, depending on their minor. The specific minor requirements are listed below.

Program Options

Students choose 18 to 36 credits of options, depending on their minor. The specific option requirements by minor are listed below:

Music Career Management Minor: Choose 21 credits of options, with at least 3 credits from Music Technology and Production options

Music Education Minor: Choose 24 credits with at least 3 credits from Music Career Management options and 3 credits from Music Technology Production options

Music Technology and Production Minor: Choose 21 credits of options with at least 3 credits from Music Career Management options

Songwriting Minor: Choose 18 credits of options, with at least 3 credits from Music Career Management options and 3 credits from Music Technology and Production options

No Minor: Choose 36 credits of options, with at least 3 credits from Music Career Management options and 3 credits from Music Technology and Production options

Electives

Students choose between 12 and 18 credits of electives, depending 12-18 on their minor. INTA courses may be used as electives, except INTA 360, which is a program option. The specific elective requirements by minor are listed below:

Music Education Minor: Choose 12 credits of electives, with at least 6 credits at the senior level ²

All Other Minors: Choose 18 credits of electives, with at least 9 credits at the senior level

Total **92**

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The minimum passing grade for this course is CR.

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Students enrolled in the Music Education Minor who wish to obtain an Education After Degree from another institution may choose to complete all 12 credits of electives at the senior level in a secondary teaching practice. Students should consult with the institution offering the Education After Degree to seek guidance on which electives will transfer to the program.

Minor Requirements

Music Career Management Minor Overview

The Music Career Management minor offers a Program of Study that prepares students to enter the industry in a variety of roles including managers and agents, promoters and marketers, advocates, curators, and consultants. Courses address health issues related to the music profession, the business of music, marketing, branding, promotion, and artist and career development. The program of study includes core Bachelor of Music courses in performance, theory, aural skills, cultural studies of music, and music technology.

A minor in Music Career Management follows a prescribed Program of Study in addition to the common core courses students will take in their first year. Students choose from music options and non-music electives to customize their program.

Code	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
Credits		
In addition to MUSC 361, which is also listed under General Major Requirements, students complete:		
MUSC 362	The Business of Music	3
MUSC 476	Health Issues and the Professional Musician	3
Minor Options		
Choose 9 credits from Music Career Management options		9
Total Credits		15

Music Education Minor Overview

The Music Education minor offers a Program of Study that prepares students to pursue after-degree studies in education with a music focus following completion of the MacEwan Bachelor of Music. Music

Education courses include conducting, technique courses in band instruments, and foundational courses required to teach in primary and secondary education. The program of study also includes core Bachelor of Music courses in performance, theory, aural skills, cultural studies of music, music technology, and the business of music.

The Music Education minor follows a prescribed Program of Study in addition to the common core courses students will take in their first year. Note that the Province of Alberta requires teachers to have a secondary teaching practice, so this route is designed for students to acquire the appropriate, non-music courses in the elective spaces to help them meet this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
EDUC 100	Contexts of Education	3
EDUC 210	Introduction to Educational Technology	3
MUSC 341	Woodwind Techniques	3
MUSC 344	Brass Techniques	3
MUSC 345	Percussion and Rhythm Instruments	3
MUSC 431	Conducting Techniques	3
Total Credits		18

Music Technology and Production Minor Overview

The Music Technology and Production minor offers a Program of Study that prepares students to enter the industry in a variety of roles. Courses in this minor include recording studio and production techniques, acoustics, and applications in music technology. Students acquire professional-level skills in AVID Pro Tools and other essential industry-standard software. The program of study also includes core Bachelor of Music courses in performance, theory, aural skills, cultural studies of music, and the business of music.

The Music Technology and Production minor follows a prescribed Program of Study in addition to the common core courses students will take in their first year. Students choose from music options and non-music electives to customize their program.

Code	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
In addition to MUSC 263, which is also listed under General Major Requirements, students complete:		
MUSC 364	Applications in Music Technology I	3
MUSC 366	Introduction to the Recording Studio	3
MUSC 465	Applications in Music Technology II	3
MUSC 467	Recording Studio Production	3
MUSC 468	Acoustics	3
Total Credits		15

Songwriting Minor Overview

The Songwriting minor is unique in Canada. This minor recognizes the specialized needs of the songwriter in today's and tomorrow's creative industry, and presents an innovative Program of Study that integrates all aspects of the art and craft of songwriting including creation, performance, recording and production, and business and marketing.

A minor in Songwriting follows a prescribed Program of Study in addition to the common core courses students will take in their first year. Students

enter the minor after completing their first year of the Bachelor of Music and choose from music options and non-music electives to customize their program.

Code	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
MUSC 207	Songwriting I	3
MUSC 208	Songwriting II	3
MUSC 321	Advanced Songwriting	3
MUSC 365	Recording and Production Techniques	3
MUSC 485	Seminar in Songwriting I	3
MUSC 486	Seminar in Songwriting II	3
Total Credits		18

Program Options

Students choose options from the categories below. The number of options students must choose varies by minor and may not be offered every year. If courses are required by a specific minor, they cannot also be used as options. Please note that not all options are offered every year and are subject to space availability.

Music Career Management Options

AGAD 209	Publicity and Media Relations in the Arts	3
AGAD 225	Performing Arts Management	3
AGAD 226	Museum and Gallery Management	3
AGAD 227	Managing in the Music Industry	3
AGAD 300	Internal Practicum in Arts Management	3
AGAD 301	Cultural Policy and Advocacy	3
MUSC 362	The Business of Music	3
MUSC 476	Health Issues and the Professional Musician	3

Music Technology and Production Options

MUSC 219	Technical Ear Training	3
MUSC 253	Live Sound Reinforcement I	3
MUSC 254	Live Sound Reinforcement II	3
MUSC 364	Applications in Music Technology I	3
MUSC 365	Recording and Production Techniques	3
or		
MUSC 366	Introduction to the Recording Studio	
MUSC 367	Analog and Digital Signal Processing	3
MUSC 368	Psychoacoustics	3
MUSC 465	Applications in Music Technology II	3
MUSC 467	Recording Studio Production	3
MUSC 468	Acoustics	3
MUSC 469	Mastering	3

Music Education Options

MUSC 341	Woodwind Techniques	3
MUSC 344	Brass Techniques	3
MUSC 345	Percussion and Rhythm Instruments	3
MUSC 431	Conducting Techniques	3

Other Music Options

INTA 360	The Arts and Pedagogy	3
MUSC 207	Songwriting I	3
MUSC 208	Songwriting II	3
MUSC 211	Composition I	3

MUSC 220	Jazz History in Cultural Context	3
MUSC 301	Special Project I	1
MUSC 302	Special Project II	2
MUSC 303	Special Project III	3
MUSC 380	Directed Project	3
MUSC 415	Orchestration	3
MUSC 416	Scoring for Film and Other Visual Media	3
MUSC 482	Independent Study	3
MUSC 498 & MUSC 499	Performance Ensemble and Performance Ensemble	3

Diploma Exit

Students are eligible for a diploma in General after the completion of Year 2 of the Bachelor of Music - General major Program of Study. For more information about the diploma, please see Degree Regulations.

Year 1 Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 102	Analysis and Argument	3
Choose 3 credits of ENGL from the following:		3
ENGL 103	Approaches to Literature: Trends and Traditions	
ENGL 104	Approaches to Literature: Narrative Across Media	
ENGL 105	Approaches to Literature: Contemporary Literature and Culture	
MUSC 103	Theory I: Introduction to Music Theory	3
MUSC 104	Theory II: Harmony, Voice Leading, and Function	3
MUSC 111	Ear Training I	3
MUSC 112	Ear Training II	3
MUSC 123	Musicology I: Historical Musicology	3
MUSC 124	Musicology II: Popular Music Studies	3
MUSC 131	Principal Instrument I	3
MUSC 132	Principal Instrument II	3
MUSC 141	Master Class I	3
MUSC 142	Master Class II	3
MUSC 188	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 189	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
Total Credits		36

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The minimum passing grade for this course is CR.

Year 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
MUSC 201	Theory III: Jazz Harmony and Analysis	3
MUSC 213	Ear Training III	3
MUSC 214	Ear Training IV	3
MUSC 215	Functional Keyboard I	1.5
or MUSC 217	Accompanying I	
MUSC 216	Functional Keyboard II	1.5
or MUSC 218	Accompanying II	
MUSC 263	Introduction to Music Technology and Production	3
MUSC 294	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 295	Performance Ensemble ¹	0
MUSC 361	Introduction to Music Career Management	3

Program Options

Choose 9 credits of program options from the list of available options under Major Requirements 9

Electives

Choose 3 credits from junior- or senior-level electives 3

Total Credits **30**

Degree Regulations

Declaration of a Major and Minor (Concentration)

Students are required to declare a major and minor concentration, where applicable, within their first year. Major and Minor declarations may be submitted starting September 1. Competitive declarations close on January 15 and non-competitive declarations on February 15. Students are required to consult with the appropriate section head and the department's university advisor in determining their major or minor choice.

Students who declare a major in Composition, Performance, or Recording and Production, should note that these majors are competitive.

Students who declare the General major may choose to declare a minor in Music Career Management, Music Education, Music Technology and Production, or Songwriting. Students should note that the minor in Music Technology and Production is competitive.

Please note, when you declare your major, you must also select the same instrument that you were admitted with.

Graduation Recitals – Performance and Composition Majors

Students in the Performance and Composition majors must undertake juried public graduation recitals in the fourth year of their program.

- The Performance major recital involves a program of works performed on the major (principal) instrument in ensemble and solo settings that demonstrates the student's technical ability, musicality, creativity, professionalism, comprehension of jazz and contemporary popular genres and styles, and comprehension of other contemporary and near-contemporary genres and styles.
 - Students in the Performance major must also successfully complete an area examination in preparation for their graduation recital.
- The Composition major recital involves a program of original works and arrangements for a variety of instruments (ensemble and solo, instrumental and vocal) that demonstrates the student's technical ability, musicality, creativity, professionalism, comprehension of jazz and contemporary popular genres and styles, and comprehension of other contemporary and near-contemporary genres and styles.

The proposed program of works intended to fulfill the Composition and Performance graduation recital requirements must receive prior approval from the appropriate section head.

Graduation recitals for the Performance and Composition majors are graded as credit/non-credit. For Performance majors, failure to complete this requirement also constitutes a failure in Principal Instrument VIII. For Composition majors, failure to complete this requirement also constitutes a failure in Composition VI.

Performance Ensembles

All students must participate in required Performance Ensembles as noted in the programs of study. The Performance Ensemble requirement for Year 1 core and Year 2 all majors (Fall & Winter terms) are 0 (zero) credit. The Performance Ensemble requirements for Year 3 all majors (Fall & Winter terms) are 1 credit per term, and Year 4 (Performance major or as music option, Fall & Winter terms) are 1.5 credits per term.

For all majors, students may choose to participate in a maximum of two performance ensembles per term but will only be enrolled in and earn credit for one ensemble per term. The second Performance Ensemble will be 0 (zero) credit in any term. To avoid jeopardy, students may be advised to withdraw from a second Performance Ensemble if the directors detect that the students are overburdened and cannot cope with the additional responsibility.

Junior- and Senior-Level Courses

Courses numbered from 100 to 199 are considered junior level and courses numbered from 200 to 499 are considered senior level.

Elective Requirements

Elective requirements in each of Years 2, 3, and 4 of the program must be non-Music, baccalaureate level coursework, with a minimum of 9 credits earned at the senior level for all majors (Composition, General, Performance, and Recording and Production). Students may consult with the department's academic advisor for guidance. Program courses cannot be used to fulfill elective requirements.

Program Option Requirements

All Bachelor of Music students must successfully complete one additional Music Technology and Production course beyond the introductory course *and* one additional Music Career Management course beyond the introductory course as part of their core requirements.

Students must select from a list of program options to fulfill the requirements in their declared major or minor. Specified program option courses may also be required courses in one or more of the program's majors or minors, therefore, registration priority will be given to students who must take these courses as part of their specific Program of Study. Students may consult with the department's academic advisor for guidance and availability of program option courses prior to registration.

Arts and Cultural Management (AGAD) Courses

Students following the General route with a minor in Music Career Management, as well as students seeking to use approved Arts and Cultural Management courses as Music options must take MUSC 361 before entering Arts and Cultural Management (AGAD) courses.

Progression of Studies

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the prerequisite and/or co-requisite requirements as noted on all courses that may fulfill Bachelor of Music program requirements. Any student who discontinues registration in degree courses for twelve months will be required to re-apply for admission.

Diploma Requirements

Students are eligible for a diploma after the completion of Year 2 of the Bachelor of Music degree Program of Study, any route. Students who have obtained the diploma, or are otherwise eligible to do so, may continue with the degree. Obtaining the diploma does not require a student to exit the degree program; however, any student who

discontinues registration in degree courses for twelve months will be required to re-apply for admission.

Expected Course Offerings

The following courses are only offered every second year:

MUSC 341	Woodwind Techniques	3
MUSC 344	Brass Techniques	3
MUSC 345	Percussion and Rhythm Instruments	3
MUSC 431	Conducting Techniques	3
MUSC 476	Health Issues and the Professional Musician	3

Admission Requirements

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1 or 75 % in ELA 30-2
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D courses

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.
- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicant must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent)
- OR
- Six credits of university-level English with a minimum grade of C-

Applicants with nine or more post-secondary credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Previous Post-Secondary Work

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed one of the following from a recognized institution:

- A minimum of 24 university-level credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and must have completed the required core courses listed under the Regular Admission category.
- OR
- A University Music Diploma Program or equivalent

Probationary Admission

To be evaluated through the Program

This admission category will only be used if the program is not filled by Regular, Mature or Previous Post-Secondary applicants.

A limited number of probationary admissions may be granted to applicants with an Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. These applicants will be placed on probation.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP (<https://www.macewan.ca/academics/programs/english-as-an-additional-language/>).

2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Program Office

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must audition.

Limited space is available, and not all applicants who are eligible may be admitted. When admission becomes competitive, performance in the audition is the primary criterion for admission. Applicants must also be aware that admission for any category is limited based on the availability of spaces for the principal instrument.