

MUSIC, BACHELOR OF (B.M.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN PERFORMANCE/GUITAR

The Bachelor of Music is the initial professional degree in music. Its primary emphasis is on development of the skills, concepts and sensitivities essential to the professional life of the musician. At the center of the instructional program for this degree is the music core curriculum, comprising 27 credits of instruction in aspects of musicianship fundamental to all music degree programs. Included are courses in music theory, aural skills, music history and conducting.

Student learning outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will know and know how to do the following.

Students will:

- Demonstrate professional performance skills
- Demonstrate comprehensive musicianship
- Acquire supporting competencies
- Develop artistic/intellectual mission

Degree requirements for Music, Bachelor of (B.M.) with a concentration in performance/guitar

Course	Title	Hours
General education (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/general-education-curriculum/)		
Select 30 credits of general education courses in consultation with an adviser.		30
Major requirements		
• Major core requirements		
APPL 311	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 312	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 313	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 314	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 415	Applied Lessons (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 416	Applied Lessons and Junior Recital:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance (four semesters)	0
APPM 299	Master Class (eight semesters)	0
APPM 381	Conducting	2
MHIS 120	Music in Culture	2
MHIS 145	Theory and Aural Skills I	4
MHIS 146	Theory and Aural Skills II	4
MHIS 245	Theory and Aural Skills III	4
MHIS 322	Classical Music Survey II	2

• Additional major requirements

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____ (three semesters)	3
APPL 417	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPL 418	Applied Lessons and Senior Recital:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPM 173	Keyboard Skills I	1
APPM 174	Keyboard Skills II	1
APPM 273	Keyboard Skills III	1
APPM 364	Guitar Ensemble (eight semesters)	8
APPM 463	Pedagogy	2
APPM 492	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
MHIS 305	Form and Analysis I	2
MHIS 321	Classical Music Survey I	2
MHIS 380	Survey of the Music Industry	3
Ensemble (audition may be required): Select four credits from the ensemble requirements or from the following.		4
APPM 358	Commonwealth Singers	
APPM 359	Choral Arts Society	
APPM 360	Large Jazz Ensemble	
APPM 361	Small Jazz Ensemble	
APPM 377	Vocal Chamber Ensemble	
APPM 378	Vox Concordia	
• Music electives		17
Select from any AMPT, APPL, APPM, ARTS, MHIS, MUED or MUSC course not otherwise required for the degree.		
Open electives		
Select any course.		11
Total Hours		120

The minimum number of credit hours required for this degree is 120.

What follows is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements within a four-year course of study at VCU. Please contact your adviser before beginning course work toward a degree.

Freshman year

Fall semester	Hours
APPL 311 Applied Lessons:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 173 Keyboard Skills I	1
APPM 199 Recital/Convocation Attendance (guitar)	0
APPM 299 Master Class	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 3XX ensemble elective	1
MHIS 145 Theory and Aural Skills I	4
UNIV 111 Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Investigation and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course video for Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Investigation and Communication	

General education course	3
Term Hours:	15
Spring semester	
APPL 312 Applied Lessons:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 174 Keyboard Skills II	1
APPM 199 Recital/Convocation Attendance (guitar)	0
APPM 299 Master Class	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 3XX ensemble elective	1
MHIS 146 Theory and Aural Skills II	4
UNIV 112 Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
Play course video for Focused Inquiry II	
General education course	3
Term Hours:	15
Sophomore year	
Fall semester	
APPL 313 Applied Lessons:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 199 Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 273 Keyboard Skills III	1
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
MHIS 120 Music in Culture	2
MHIS 245 Theory and Aural Skills III	4
UNIV 200 Advanced Focused Inquiry: Literacies, Research and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	3
General education course	3
Term Hours:	16
Spring semester	
APPL 314 Applied Lessons:_____ (guitar)	2
APPL 320 Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPM 199 Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 3XX ensemble elective	1
General education course	3
General education course	3
Music elective	2
Open elective	2
Term Hours:	15
Junior year	
Fall semester	
APPL 320 Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPL 415 Applied Lessons (guitar)	2
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 381 Conducting	2

APPM 3XX ensemble elective	1
MHIS 305 Form and Analysis I	2
MHIS 321 Classical Music Survey I	2
General education course	3
Term Hours:	14
Spring semester	
APPL 320 Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPL 416 Applied Lessons and Junior Recital:_____ (guitar)	2
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 463 Pedagogy	2
MHIS 322 Classical Music Survey II	2
Music electives	6
Term Hours:	14
Senior year	
Fall semester	
APPL 417 Applied Lessons:_____ (guitar)	2
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
MHIS 380 Survey of the Music Industry	3
Music electives	6
Open electives	3
Term Hours:	15
Spring semester	
APPL 418 Applied Lessons and Senior Recital:_____ (guitar)	2
APPM 299 Master Class (guitar)	0
APPM 364 Guitar Ensemble	1
APPM 492 Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
General education course	3
Music elective	3
Open electives	6
Term Hours:	16
Total Hours:	120

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