

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

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/piano

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:_____	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
• Additional major requirements		

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____ (three semesters)	3
APPL 417	Applied Lessons:_____	2
APPL 418	Applied Lessons and Senior Recital:_____ (principal performing medium)	2
APPM 362	Accompanying: Piano (two semesters)	2
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble (complete four semesters)	4
APPM 373	Advanced Keyboard Skills I	1
APPM 374	Advanced Keyboard Skills II	1
APPM 463	Pedagogy (piano)	2
APPM 492	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
MHIS 303	Piano Literature Through 1828	2
MHIS 304	Piano Literature Since 1828	2
MHIS 305	Form and Analysis I	2
MHIS 321	Classical Music Survey I	2
MHIS 322	Classical Music Survey II	2
Ensemble: Select two credits from the following.		2
APPM 358	Commonwealth Singers	
APPM 359	Choral Arts Society	
APPM 378	Vox Concordia	
• Music electives		14
Select from any AMPT, APPL, APPM, ARTS, MHIS or MUED courses not otherwise required for the degree.		

Ancillary requirements

Open electives	
Select any course.	18
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:_____ (piano)	2
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 373	Advanced Keyboard Skills I	1
APPM 3XX ensemble requirement		1
MHIS 145	Theory and Aural Skills I	4
UNIV 111	Introduction to Focused Inquiry:	3
Play course video for	Investigation and Communication (satisfies general education UNIV foundations)	
Introduction to Focused Inquiry:		
Investigation and Communication		
General education course		3
Term Hours:		14
Spring semester		Hours
APPL 312	Applied Lessons:_____ (piano)	2

APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 3XX	ensemble requirement	1
MHIS 146	Theory and Aural Skills II	4
UNIV 112	Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) Play course video for Focused Inquiry II	3
	General education course	3
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Term Hours:		16

Sophomore year**Fall semester**

APPL 313	Applied Lessons:_____ (piano)	2
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
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
	Open elective	3
Term Hours:		17

Spring semester

APPL 314	Applied Lessons:_____ (piano)	2
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 374	Advanced Keyboard Skills II	1
	General education course	3
	Music elective	2
	Open elective	6
Term Hours:		14

Junior year**Fall semester**

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPL 415	Applied Lessons (piano)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 362	Accompanying: Piano	1
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble	1
APPM 381	Conducting	2
MHIS 303	Piano Literature Through 1828 (piano) or or Pedagogy APPM 463	2
MHIS 305	Form and Analysis I	2
MHIS 321	Classical Music Survey I	2
	General education course	3
Term Hours:		16

Spring semester

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
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APPL 416	Applied Lessons and Junior Recital:____ (piano)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 362	Accompanying: Piano	1
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble	1
MHIS 304	Piano Literature Since 1828	2
MHIS 322	Classical Music Survey II	2
	Music electives	6
Term Hours:		15

Senior year**Fall semester**

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPL 417	Applied Lessons:_____ (piano)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble	1
MHIS 303	Piano Literature Through 1828 (piano) or or Pedagogy APPM 463	2
	General education course	3
	Open electives	6
Term Hours:		15

Spring semester

APPL 418	Applied Lessons and Senior Recital:____ (piano)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (piano)	0
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble	1
APPM 492	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
	Music electives	6
	Open electives	3
Term Hours:		13
Total Hours:		120

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