The Bachelor of Arts in Music is designed for students who want a degree that combines a breadth of general studies with a major in music. Included are courses in basic theory, aural skills, applied performance, music history and foreign language, as well as music and open electives.

### Student learning outcomes

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

Students will:

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

### Degree requirements for Music, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

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**Major core requirements**

- Keyboard skills
  - APPM 173 | Keyboard Skills I | 1
  - APPM 174 | Keyboard Skills II | 1

**Ensemble (audition may be required):** Select four credits from the following:

- APPM 355 | Orchestra | 1
- APPM 356 | Symphonic Wind Ensemble | 1

**Additional major requirements**

- APPM 357 | University Band | 1
- APPM 358 | Commonwealth Singers | 1
- APPM 359 | Choral Arts Society | 1
- APPM 360 | Large Jazz Ensemble | 1
- APPM 361 | Small Jazz Ensemble | 1
- APPM 363 | Flute Choir | 1
- APPM 364 | Guitar Ensemble | 1
- APPM 367 | Piano Ensemble | 1
- APPM 368 | Woodwind Ensemble | 1
- APPM 369 | Percussion Ensemble | 1
- APPM 370 | Percussion Auxiliary | 1
- APPM 371 | String Chamber Music | 1
- APPM 372 | Brass Ensemble | 1
- APPM 377 | Vocal Chamber Ensemble | 1
- APPM 378 | Vox Concordia | 1

**Additional major requirements**

- Foreign language through the 102 level (by course or placement) | 0-6

**Ancillary requirements**

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**Open electives**

Select any course. | 38-46

**Total Hours** | 120

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

APPM 173 and 174 are required if piano is not the principal instrument, and these students will be required to take two additional music electives.

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)

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**Term Hours:** | 14

**Spring semester**
### APPL 312 | Applied Lessons (principal instrument) | 2
### APPL 174 | Keyboard Skills II or Advanced Keyboard Skills II | 1
### APPL 374 |  
### APPL 199 | Recital/Convocation Attendance | 0
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### APPL 3XX ensembles | 1
### MHIS 146 | Theory and Aural Skills II | 4
### UNIV 112 | Focused Inquiry II (satisfies general education UNIV foundations) | 3
### General education course | 3

**Term Hours:** 14

**Sophomore year**

**Fall semester**

### APPL 313 | Applied Lessons (principal instrument) | 2
### APPL 199 | Recital/Convocation Attendance | 0
### APPL 299 | Master Class (principal instrument) | 0
### APPL 3XX ensembles | 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:** 15

**Spring semester**

### APPL 314 | Applied Lessons (principal instrument) | 2
### APPL 199 | Recital/Convocation Attendance | 0
### APPL 299 | Master Class (principal instrument) | 0
### APPL 3XX ensembles | 1
### General education course | 3
### Music elective | 2
### Open electives | 8

**Term Hours:** 16

**Junior year**

**Fall semester**

### APPL 3XX ensembles | 1
### MHIS 321 | Classical Music Survey I | 2
### Foreign language course (101 level) | 3
### General education course | 3
### General education course | 3
### Music elective | 3

**Term Hours:** 15

**Spring semester**

### APPL 3XX ensembles | 1
### MHIS 322 | Classical Music Survey II | 2
### Foreign language course (102 level) | 3
### General education course | 3
### Music elective | 3

### APPM 492 | Senior Project: Portfolio Review | 1
### HUMS 202 | Choices in a Consumer Society | 1
### Music elective | 3
### Open electives | 10

**Term Hours:** 15

**Senior year**

**Fall semester**

### APPM 3XX ensembles | 1
### MHIS 321 | Classical Music Survey I | 2
### Foreign language course (101 level) | 3
### General education course | 3
### Music elective | 3

**Term Hours:** 16

### Open electives | 15

**Total Hours:** 120

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