

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

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/strings

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 355	Orchestra (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 elective (audition may be required): Select four credits from the following:		4
APPM 367	Piano Ensemble	
APPM 368	Woodwind Ensemble	
APPM 371	String Chamber Music	

• Music electives 14
Select from any AMPT, APPL, APPM, ARTS, MHIS, MUED, or MUSC courses not otherwise required for the degree.

Open electives
Select any course. 14

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			Hours
Fall semester			
APPL 311	Applied Lessons:_____ (principal instrument)		2
APPM 173	Keyboard Skills I		1
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance		0
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)		0
APPM 355	Orchestra		1
APPM 3XX ensemble elective			1
MHIS 145	Theory and Aural Skills I		4
UNIV 111	Introduction to Focused Inquiry: Play course		3
Investigation and Communication (satisfies video for general education UNIV foundations)			
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	0
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	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 (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	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:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPM 199	Recital/Convocation Attendance	0
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	1
APPM 3XX	ensemble elective	1
	General education course	3
	General elective 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 (principal instrument)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	1
APPM 381	Conducting	2
APPM 3XX	ensemble elective	1
MHIS 305	Form and Analysis I	2

MHIS 321	Classical Music Survey I	2
	Open elective	3
Term Hours:		14

Spring semester

APPL 320	Applied Lessons Secondary Instrument:_____	1
APPL 416	Applied Lessons and Junior Recital:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	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:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	1
MHIS 380	Survey of the Music Industry	3
	General education course	3
	General education course	3
	Music elective	3
Term Hours:		15

Spring semester

APPL 418	Applied Lessons and Senior Recital:_____ (principal instrument)	2
APPM 299	Master Class (principal instrument)	0
APPM 355	Orchestra	1
APPM 492	Senior Project: Portfolio Review	1
	Open electives	9
	Music elective	3
Term Hours:		16
Total Hours:		120

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