Jazz Studies A.A. Degree - instrumentalist

PART TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 68

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall) — 10 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 400 Music Theory and Musicianship I	4		3A
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C

Semester 2 (Spring) — 9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 401 Music Theory and Musicianship II	4	MUFHL 400	
RC	MUIVI 340[1] Beginning Piano	2		
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2

[1] MUIVI 340 is not part of this degree but it is a prerequisite to MUIVI 400.

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall) — 9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 410 Music Theory and Musicianship III	4	MUFHL 401	
RC	MUIVI 341 Piano II	2		

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Music B.A. or B.M.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

- K-12 education
- professional musician
- director for religious and community groups
- private music studio instructor
- composer for media and publishing
- music therapist
- administrative staff for music organizations

Advising Notes:

- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.
- **Performance Courses:** Students are expected to take a minimum of 8 units from MUP 320, 323, or 400. Which courses are used depends on the student's concentration.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B

Semester 4 (Spring) — 9 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 315 Jazz History	3		
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall) — 8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	MUIVI 420 Applied Music	1		
RE	MUP 320 Jazz Band	2	(see below)	
Req	MUFHL 420 Beginning Jazz Theory	2	MUFHL 400	
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A

MUP 320 enrollment limitation: the ability to play at least one instrument commonly used in the ensemble.

Semester 6 (Spring) — 8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	MUIVI 385 Jazz Styles and Improvisation I	2		
RE	MUIVI 421 Applied Music II	1	MUIVI 420	
RE	MUP 320 Jazz Band	2		
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Fourth Year

Semester 7 (Fall) — 7 Units

- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- B.A./B.M. programs often require a music history course like MUFHL 310.
- Students should discuss the B.A./B.M. degree options with the Music department faculty or staff.
- This map is designed for students who are able to take 2-3 classes (or 6-9 units) each semester. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.

Scheduling Notes:

- MUFHL 400, 410 and 420 are offered in the fall.
- MUFHL 401 is offered in the spring.
- MUIVI 385 and 390 are offered in the spring.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- Most CSUs require an entry piano proficiency demonstration.
- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	MUIVI 425 Applied Music - Jazz I	1	MUIVI 421	
RE	MUP 320 Jazz Band	2		
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course[2]	1		5C

[2] The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Semester 8 (Spring) 8 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUIVI 400 Beginning Jazz Piano	2	MUIVI 340	
RE	MUIVI 426 Applied Music - Jazz II	1	(see below)	
RE	MUP 320 Jazz Band	2		
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

MUIVI 426 prerequisite: MUIVI 425, and MUFHL 410 and 420

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
RC	Recommended Course	A course that is not part of this program but is included in its roadmap
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list

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Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.