Music A.A. Degree - instrumentalist

FULL 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: 67

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall) — 16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 400 Music Theory and Musicianship I	4		3A
RE	MUIVI 420 Applied Music	1		
RE	any large performance ensemble course	2	(see below)	
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

large performance ensemble course enrollment limitation: the ability to play at least one instrument commonly used in the ensemble.

Semester 2 (Spring) — 16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 401 Music Theory and Musicianship II	4	MUFHL 400	
RE	MUIVI 421 Applied Music II	1	MUIVI 420	
RE	any large performance ensemble course	2		
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B

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 310, 330, or 340. Which courses are used depends on the student's concentration.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall) — 17 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 410 Music Theory and Musicianship III	4	MUFHL 401	
RE	MUIVI 422 Applied Music III	1	MUIVI 421	
Req	MUFHL 310 Survey of Music History and Literature (Greek Antiquity to 1750)	3		
RE	any large performance ensemble course	2		
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course[1]	1		5C

[1] 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 4 (Spring) — 18 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MUFHL 411 Music Theory and Musicianship IV	4	MUFHL 410	
RE	MUIVI 423 Applied Music IV	1	MUIVI 422	
Req	MUFHL 311 Survey of Music History and Literature (1750 to the present)	3		
RE	any large performance ensemble course	2		
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
RC	MUIVI 340 Beginning Piano	2		

- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- 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 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program in two years. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.

Scheduling Notes:

- MUFHL 310, 400 and 410 are offered in the fall.
- MUFHL 311, 401 and 411 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.

Honors Courses (H):

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
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
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

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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.