



Entrepreneurial Arts: Independent Music

Instructor Certificate

This certificate provides real-world tools for the aspiring music teacher to earn a living as a thriving and successful independent music instructor.

Total Units: 15.5-21

First Year

Semester 1

7-9 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
MUFHL 400¹ Music Theory and Musicianship I or	4	Adv: MUFHL 321 or MUIVI 340	F
MUFHL 404¹ Music Theory II or	3	MUFHL 400	S
MUFHL 412¹ Music Theory III or	3	MUFHL 404	F
MUFHL 414¹ Music Theory IV	3	MUFHL 412	S
MUIVI 410² Applied Music	1	Co-reqs: MUFHL 400, 404, 412, 414; Select one large performing ensemble from any MUP section	F, S
MUP 310 Orchestra or	2	Able to read music & perform on orchestral/jazz/concert band instrument; Student admitted to this course vis audition only.	F
MUP 321 Advanced Jazz Band or	1-2	MUP 320	F, S
MUP 330 Concert Band or	2	Able to read music & perform on orchestral/jazz/concert band instrument; Student admitted to this course vis audition only.	F, S
MUP 357 College Chorus or	2	Voice placement or audition required.	F, S

Career Description:

"Private music teachers instruct individual students. Some work in their home or at a studio where students come for lessons; others travel to their students' homes. Usually, these teachers specialize in an instrument or skill that they themselves have mastered, such as piano or voice. For each student, private music teachers create lessons based on that student's ability. They may also hold recitals where students perform music they have learned."

<https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2015/article/careers-for-music-lovers.htm>

Career Options/Outlook:

Teach or instruct courses other than those that normally lead to an occupational objective or degree. Courses may include self-improvement, nonvocational, and nonacademic subjects. Teaching may or may not take place in a traditional educational institution.

A sample of reported job titles:

Music teacher, piano teacher

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MUP 360 Chamber Singers	2	Advisory: MUP 350 or 357; students advised to document previous choral experience.	F, S
MUIVI 320³ Voice Class III or	2	MUIVI 311	Check Class Schedule for offering
MUIVI 350³ Piano III or	2	MUIVI 341	F, S
MUIVI 370³ Beginning Guitar	2		F, S

¹ Students may test out of a prerequisite or show proof of having passed the prerequisite course(s) with a grade of "C" or better.

² Auditions take place during the first week of classes to enter MUIVI 410. Students may test out of a prerequisite or show proof of having passed the prerequisite course(s) with a grade of "C" or better.

³ These are pre-requisites to MUIVI 321, MUIVI 351, MUIVI 371; students may test out of these pre-requisites.

Semester 2

8.5-12 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
MUFHL 300 Introduction to Music or	3		F, S
MUFHL 310 Survey of Music History and Literature (Greek Antiquity to 1750) or	3		F
MUFHL 311 Survey of Music History and Literature (1750 to the present)	3		S
MUSM 370 Music for Children	3		S
MUSM 498 Work Experience in Music Specializations	0.5-4		F, S
MUIVI 321¹ Voice Class IV or	2	MUIVI 320	F, S
MUIVI 351¹ Piano IV or	2	MUIVI 350	
MUIVI 371¹ Intermediate Guitar	2	MUIVI 370	F, S

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Projected job openings in California (2020-2030) for "self-enrichment education teacher":

6,910

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

31% growth

Median Salary in California (2021):

Median wage: \$47,030/yr

Source:

<https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-3021.00>

Transfer notes:

Please meet with a counselor for specific transfer course evaluation or transferring to a specific 4-year institution.

About this map:

This program map 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 map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a “C” or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = online available (P) = partially online

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the [Zero Textbook Costs page](#) of the college website.

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