

B.M. IN MUSIC - JAZZ/ COMMERCIAL MUSIC CONCENTRATION (COMPOSITION FOCUS)

Requirements

This is a screened program. Please see the admission requirements for additional information.

Music Major Requirements

Students completing the Bachelor of Music degree in Music must earn a total of 83-86 units in the major. They must complete the required courses in Music (39 units) and one of the following concentrations: Composition (44 units), Guitar (44 units), Jazz/Commercial Music (Performance or Composition) (44 units), Keyboard (44 units), Voice (47 units), or Winds/Strings/Percussion (44 units). Music majors must complete minimum 24 upper-level (300-400) units in MUSC (Music), Music Applied (MUSA), and/or Music Education (MUED) courses toward the major at Towson University.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses for All Concentrations in Music		
MUSC 131	MUSIC THEORY AND MUSICIANSHIP I	2
MUSC 132	MUSIC THEORY II	2
MUSC 134	MUSICIANSHIP II	2
MUSC 201 or MUSC 202	MUSIC IN THE UNITED STATES MUSIC CULTURES OF THE WORLD	3
MUSC 231	MUSIC THEORY III	2
MUSC 233	MUSICIANSHIP III	2
MUSC 232	MUSIC THEORY IV	2
MUSC 234	MUSICIANSHIP IV	2
MUSC 287	CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY	3
MUSC 303	HISTORY OF MUSIC IN THE EUROPEAN CLASSICAL TRADITION	3
MUSA xxx	Applied lessons in the primary medium	16
Total Units		39

Jazz/Commercial Music Concentration Requirements (Composition Focus)

Code	Title	Units
Additional Music Courses		
MUSA 190	PIANO CLASS I	1
MUSC 222	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: HARMONY (FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: HARMONY)	1
MUSC 223	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: RHYTHM (FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: RHYTHM)	1
MUSC 224	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: IMPROVISATION (FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: IMPROVISATION)	1

Select one of the following 400-level music history and culture courses		3
MUSC 401	ADVANCED MUSIC HISTORY	
MUSC 405	CONTEMPORARY MUSIC	
MUSC 411	SURVEY OF OPERA	
MUSC 413	SYMPHONIC LITERATURE	
MUSC 421	MUSIC IN THE U.S.	
MUSC 422	HISTORY OF MUSIC FOR FILM AND MEDIA	
MUSC 471	SPECIAL TOPICS IN MUSIC HISTORY AND CULTURE	
MUSC 320	JAZZ/COMMERCIAL THEORY AND IMPROVISATION I	3
MUSC 322	JAZZ/COMMERCIAL THEORY AND IMPROVISATION II	3
MUSC 425	JAZZ REPERTOIRE	3
MUSC 426	JAZZ HISTORY	3
MUSC 427	JAZZ/COMMERCIAL ARRANGING I	3
MUSC 443	INSTRUMENTAL PEDAGOGY	1
Electives		
MUSC xxx	Upper-division MUSC elective ¹	3
MUSA or MUSC xxx	Music Electives	4
Additional Lessons, Ensembles, and Recital		
MUSA xxx	Lessons in a secondary medium	6
MUSA xxx	Ensembles: Four terms among a minimum of three different jazz ensembles; three terms of any ensemble, one of which must include World Music Ensemble unless the student has completed a 3-unit global perspectives in music (MUSC) course.	7
MUSA 499	SENIOR RECITAL FOR BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE	1
Total Units		44

¹ MUSC 493 may be taken for a maximum of 3 elective units only by successful petition to the department chair.

Four-Year Plan of Study

Sample Four-Year Plan

The selected course sequence below is an example of the simplest path to degree completion. Based on course schedules, student needs, and student choice, individual plans may vary. Students should consult with their adviser to make the most appropriate elective choices and to ensure that they have completed the required number of units (120) to graduate.

Freshman

Term 1	Units	Term 2	Units
MUSA 101	2	MUSA 101	2
MUSA 190	1	MUSA xxx Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1
MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1	MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1
MUSC 131	2	MUSC 132	2
MUSC 223	1	MUSC 134	2
Core 1 (or Core 2)	3	MUSC 222	1

Core 3	3 Core 2 (or Core 1)	3
Core 5	3 Core 6	3
	16	15

Sophomore

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 201	2 MUSA 201	2
MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1 MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1
MUSC 201 (Core 11)	3 MUSC 232	2
Or	MUSC 234	2
MUSC 202 (Core 12)	MUSC 303	3
MUSC 224	1 Core 7	4
MUSC 231	2	
MUSC 233	2	
MUSC 287 (Core 4)	3	
	15	15

Junior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 301	2 MUSA 301	2
MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1 MUSA xxx: Applied Lesson in Secondary Medium	1
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1
MUSC 320	3 MUSC 322	3
MUSC 426	3 Core 8	4
Core 9	3 Elective (MUSA or MUSC)	1-3
Elective (Upper-Level MUSC)	3 Elective (4xx Music History/ Culture)	3
	16	15-17

Senior

Term 1	Units Term 2	Units
MUSA 401	2 MUSA 401	2
MUSA xxx: Ensemble	1 MUSA 499	1
MUSC 427	3 MUSA xxx: Jazz Ensemble	1
MUSC 443	1 MUSC 425	3
Core 10	3 Core 12 (or Core 11)	3
Core 13	3 Core 14	3
Elective (MUSA or MUSC)	2-3	
	15-16	13

Total Units 120-123