

BACHELOR OF MUSIC• Jazz Major—Composition

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Sample 4-year Plan

Below is a sample plan for students who plan to complete this program in four years. The sequence assumes that the student was admitted to the university with no foreign language (or other) deficiencies. Some core curriculum courses can be taken in a different order or in the summer. Students should pay particular attention to the sequence of courses in their major and to any courses offered solely in fall or spring. Because this plan is merely a sample, students should consult their departmental advisor or the Office of the Dean, Student Affairs for help in planning their individual schedules. For complete information about degree requirements, consult *The Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020*.

See reverse side for "Notes" and additional requirements.

First Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
Instrument 212J ¹	Lower-div Principal Instr Perf	2	Instrument 212J ¹	Lower-div Principal Instr Perf	2
MUS 605A (fall only)	Musicianship	3	MUS 605B (spr only)	Musicianship	3
MUS 228G (fall only)	Jazz Theory I	2	MUS 228L (spr only)	Jazz Theory II	2
MUS 201M ^{2,3} (fall only)	1st Sem Class Piano	2	MUS 201N ^{2,3} (spr only)	2nd Sem Class Piano	2
ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1	MUS 312C ⁸ (spr only)	Music and Culture	3
RHE 306 ^{5,6}	Rhetoric and Writing	3	MUS 228J (spr only)	Intermediate Jazz Improv	2
UGS 302 or 303 ^{5,7}	First-Year Signature Course	3	ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1
16			15		
Second Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
Instrument 212J ¹	Lower-div Principal Instr Perf	2	Instrument 212J ¹	Lower-div Principal Instr Perf	2
MUS 210J ^{1,2,3} (fall only)	Third Semester Class Piano	2	MUS 411B (spr only)	Ear Training & Sight Singing	2
MUS 411A (fall only)	Ear Training & Sight Singing	2	MUS 612B (spr only)	Structure of Tonal Music	3
MUS 612A (fall only)	Structure of Tonal Music	3	MUS 213N (spr only)	History of Music II	2
MUS 213M (fall only)	History of Music I	2	MUS 214C	Beginning Composition	2
MUS 228K ^{3,9} (fall only)	Beginning Jazz Piano Tech	2	ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1
ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1	Math ⁵	Mathematics	3
Soc & Behav Sci ⁵	Social & Behavioral Science	3	15		
17					
Third Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
Instrument 362J ¹	Upper-div Principal Instr Perf	3	MUS 420J	Jazz Junior Recital	4
MUS 321J (fall only)	Musical Analysis	3	MUS 228P	Jazz Composition	2
MUS 226J (fall only)	Orchestration & Instr	2	ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1
MUS 328M ¹⁰ (fall only)	Studio Arranging	3	E 316L/M/N/P ³	Masterworks of Literature	3
MUS 230L (fall only)	History of Music III	2	Science & Tech ⁵	Science & Technology Part I	3
ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1	Core Writing ⁵	Writing for Core	3
Elective ¹¹	Elective	1	16		
15					
Fourth Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
MUS 319D	Foundations of Digital Sound	3	MUS 228P	Jazz Composition	2
MUS 228P	Jazz Composition	2	MUS 343J ¹⁰ (spr only)	History of Jazz	3
ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1	ENS ⁴	Approved Ensemble	1
GOV 310L ⁵	American Government	3	GOV 312L ⁵	Issues & Policies in Amer Gov	3
American History ⁵	American History	3	American History ⁵	American History	3
Science & Tech ⁵	Science & Technology Part I	3	Science & Tech ⁵	Science & Technology Part II	3
15			Recital ¹²	Jazz Composition Recital	0
			15		

Notes

- 1 Approval of faculty is required for this requirement.
- 2 Students who do not qualify for MUS 210J must begin at the appropriate lower level (i.e. MUS 201M, 201N). Approval of faculty is required for the completion of the class piano requirement.
- 3 This requirement only applies to those students with principal instruments other than piano.
- 4 Refer to the College of Fine Arts' chapter in the *2018-2020 Undergraduate Catalog* for ensemble requirements.
- 5 This requirement is part of the core curriculum. Consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for complete lists of courses that may be used to fulfill the core curriculum requirements.
- 6 Registration for RHE 306 is based on birth month. Those with an even birth month will register in the fall and those with an odd birth month register in the spring.
- 7 UGS 302 or 303 must be taken in the first year of enrollment at the university. Students are encouraged to take this course in the fall, as there are fewer offerings in the spring.
- 8 When taken in residence, MUS 312C may also count toward the visual and performing arts requirement of the core curriculum or toward the writing course requirement listed as part of the six-hour communication area of the core curriculum.
- 9 This course is only offered during odd-numbered years.
- 10 This course is only offered during even-numbered years.
- 11 Elective hours will vary depending on any courses counted toward multiple degree requirements. If a student completes all stated degree requirements without earning the 120 semester hours required for the B.M.: Jazz major, additional elective coursework will be necessary until 120 hours are earned.
- 12 Each student must complete a recital of compositions and/or arrangements. This recital is given in the senior year and must be approved by the jazz faculty.

General Degree Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements: To graduate, students must have a GPA of at least 2.00 based on all courses undertaken at the university.

Flag Requirements: Extra courses may be necessary if all flag requirements are not met through regular degree requirements, so courses should be chosen carefully. The following flags are required of all students in the College of Fine Arts: Quantitative Reasoning, Global Cultures, Cultural Diversity, Independent Inquiry, Ethics, and Writing (2 courses). Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may also be used to fulfill degree requirements. For more information, see the *2018-2020 Undergraduate Catalog*.

Residency Requirements: Students must fulfill all residency requirements in order to graduate. Refer to chapter 1 in the *2018-2020 Undergraduate Catalog* for university residency requirements; refer to the College of Fine Arts' chapter for college residency requirements.

- Students must complete at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree in residence.
- At least 6 semester hours of upper-division coursework in the major must be completed in residence.
- The last 18 hours of coursework in the major must be taken in residence.

Completing Degree Requirements: A minimum of 120 hours and all degree requirements stated in the *2018-2020 Undergraduate Catalog* must be completed in order to earn the degree.