2018 - 2019 Old Dominion University Catalog  
Bachelor of Music - Composition  

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.  
Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).  

### YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

**FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)**  
- ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)  
  **VCCS Equivalency:** ENGL 111*  
- Language & Culture I (French, German or Italian is strongly recommended)  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- Mathematics  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- MUSC 101 (1 credit)  
- MUSC 221 (Grade of C or better required)  
- MUSC 223 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)  
- MUSC 261 (1 credit)  

**SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)**  
- ENGL 211C (Grade of C or better required)  
- ENG 112 or 210*  
- Philosophy and Ethics  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- Human Creativity (May not use MUSC 264A)  
- MUSC 102 (1 credit)  
- MUSC 222 (Grade of C or better required)  
- MUSC 224 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)  
- MUSC 262 (1 credit)  

### YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (34 CREDITS)

**FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)**  
- ENG 211C (Grade of C or better required)  
- Information Literacy and Research  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- The Nature of Science I  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- MUSA 139 (1 credit)  
- MUSC 321 (2 credits) (Grade of C or better required)  
- MUSC 323 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)  

**SPRING SEMESTER (17 credits)**  
- Philosophy and Ethics  
- The Nature of Science II  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- MUSA 140 (1 credit)  
- MUSC 322 (2 credits) (Grade of C- or better required)  
- MUSC 324 (1 credit) (Grade of C- or better required)  
- MUSC 335T (satisfies Impact of Technology)  

### YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (32 CREDITS)

**FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)**  
- Interpreting the Past  
  **Transfer Guide**  
- Major Coursework:  
  - MUSA 141 (2 credits)  
  - MUSA 331  
  - MUSC 361 (Grade of C- or better required)  
  - MUSC 421 (2 credits)  
  - Select One: MUSC 460, 491, 492 or 494  

**SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)**  
- Major Coursework:  
  - MUSA 142 (2 credits)  
  - MUSC 309 (1 credit)  
  - MUSC 332  
  - MUSC 336  
  - MUSC 362W (Grade of C or better required)  
  - MUSC 422 (2 credits)  
  - MUSC 424 (2 credits)  

### YEAR 4 - SENIOR (29 CREDITS)

**FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)**  
- Major Coursework:  
  - MUSA 241 (2 credits)  
  - MUSA 431  
  - MUSC 414 (2 credits)  
  - MUSC 466  
  - Large Ensemble**  
  - Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework: ****  
  - 300-/400-level Option D course  

**SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)**  
- Major Coursework:  
  - MUSA 242 (2 credits)  
  - MUSA 432  
  - Select One: MUSC 460, 491, 492 or 494  
  - Small Ensemble (2 credits)***  
  - 300-/400-level Option D course  

PLEASE NOTE: All composition majors are required to attend 60 Blue Card events in order to be eligible for graduation. These department-approved events are posted each semester. Eight of the 60 Blue Cards required for graduation must be Diehn Series concerts. Students may not graduate without fulfilling this requirement. It is strongly recommended that a student attend a minimum of two Diehn concerts per year to meet this goal.  
Each student in composition will be required to pass a piano proficiency exam before being allowed to enroll as a composition major.  
Composition majors are required to present a lecture-recital containing 30 minutes of original music.  
**Students are required to earn credits through participating in ensembles appropriate to their specialties.  
***Madrigal Singers, Collegium Musicum, opera workshop, jazz choir, and jazz, brass, percussion, guitar, string, woodwind, or piano ensemble.  
****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.  
NOTE: Transfer students are encouraged to use their summer semesters to ensure graduation in four years.  
Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.