

2024 - 2025 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Music (BM) Music with a Major in Composition

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (31 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits) ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required) Language & Culture I (French, German or Italian is strongly recommended) Mathematical Skills MUSC 101 (1 credit) MUSC 150 & 160 (2 credits) MUSC 221 (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 223 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 311+ Large Ensemble**	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> ENG 111* Transfer Guide Transfer Guide	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits) Literature Language & Culture I (French, German or Italian is strongly recommended) Human Creativity (May not use MUSC 264A or 126A) MUSC 102 (1 credit) MUSC 222 (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 224 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 266 (1 credit) MUSC 311+ Large Ensemble**	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> Transfer Guide Transfer Guide Transfer Guide
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YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (35 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (18 credits) ENGL 211C (Grade of C or better required) Information Literacy and Research The Nature of Science I MUSA 139 (1 credit) MUSA 232 MUSC 321 (2 credits)(Grade of C or better required) MUSC 323 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 311+ Large Ensemble**	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> ENG 112 or 210* Transfer Guide Transfer Guide	SPRING SEMESTER (17 credits) Philosophy and Ethics Human Behavior The Nature of Science II MUSA 140 (1 credit) MUSC 335T (satisfies Impact of Technology) MUSC 362W (Grade of C or better required) MUSC 311+	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> Transfer Guide Transfer Guide Transfer Guide
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YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (32-33 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (17 credits) Interpreting the Past <u>Major Coursework:</u> MUSA 141 (2 credits) MUSA 331 MUSC 361 (Grade of C- or better required) MUSC 421 (2 credits) Select One: MUSC 460, 461, 462, 491, 492, 495, or 496 MUSC 311+ Small Ensemble***	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u> Transfer Guide	SPRING SEMESTER (15-16 credits) <u>Major Coursework:</u> MUSA 142 (2 credits) MUSC 309 (1 credit) MUSA 332 MUSC 336 Music Theory Electives (2-3 credits) MUSC 422 (2 credits) MUSC 311+ MUSC 424 (2 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
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YEAR 4 - SENIOR (25 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (13 credits) <u>Major Coursework:</u> MUSA 241 (2 credits) MUSA 431 MUSC 414 (2 credits) MUSC 466 <u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u> 300-/400-level Option D course	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (12 credits) <u>Major Coursework:</u> MUSA 242 (2 credits) MUSA 432 Select One: MUSC 460, 491, 492 or 494 Small Ensemble*** <u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u> 300-/400-level Option D course	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
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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, jazz orchestra, 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.*

PLEASE NOTE: All Bachelor of Music, Composition majors are required to enroll in and pass MUSC 311+, the zero credit Recital Attendance class, for a total of six semesters in order to be eligible for graduation. Also, students must earn Usher Credit by ushering at a total of six approved events to be eligible for graduation. Refer to the MUSC 311+ syllabus and the Music Student Handbook for complete information.

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.

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.