Composition BM

Overview

The **Bachelor of Music in Composition**, offered by the Department of Music Studies, covers courses in composition for various media, including electronic music. Creativity, the development of personal expression through music, and the assessment of music's role in the 21st-century societal context are the focal points for composition majors.

Special Admissions Requirements

See Music Admissions information on the Boyer College of Music and Dance page.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: BC-COMP-BMUS

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements

The Bachelor of Music in Composition is conferred upon a student by recommendation of the faculty and upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 124 credits.

University Requirements

- All students are required to complete the university's General Education (GenEd) curriculum.
- All students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses. The specific writing-intensive courses required for the major are MUST 3696 and MUST 3896.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education courses		32
Music Theory		
MUST 1711	Theory I	4
MUST 1712	Theory II	4
MUST 2711	Theory III	4
MUST 2712	Theory IV	4
MUST 3896	Theory Seminar II	3
Music History		
MUST 2703	Music in History	3
MUST 2704	Music in History	3
MUST 3696	Music in History	3
Counterpoint		
MUST 4717	Counterpoint	3
Orchestration		
MUST 3713	Orchestration	3
Composition		
MUST 1758	Composition Lesson I	3
MUST 1759	Composition Lesson II	3
MUST 2758	Composition Lesson III	3

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	MUST 2759	Composition Lesson IV	

Suggested Academic Plan

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
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MUST 1758	Composition Lesson I	3
MUSC 1405	Secondary Piano for Music Majors	1
MUSC 2323	Basic Conducting	1
MUST 1711	Theory I	4
ENG 0802 or ENG 0812 or ENG 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL or Honors Writing About Literature	4

GenEd Breadth Course		3
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Spring	Credit nours	10
MUST 1759	Composition Lesson II	3
MUSC 1406	Secondary Piano for Music Majors	1
MUSC 2324	Conducting Intermediate	1
MUST 1712	Theory II	4
GenEd Quantitative Literac		4
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
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Year 2	Ordan Hours	10
Fall		
MUST 2758	Composition Lesson III	3
MUSC 2405	Secondary Piano for Music Majors	1
MUST 2711	Theory III	4
MUST 2703	Music in History	
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
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MUST 2759	Composition Logger IV	2
MUSC 2406	Composition Lesson IV	3
MUST 2712	Secondary Piano for Music Majors	
	Theory IV	4
MUST 2704	Music in History	3
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Year 3 Fall		
MUST 3758	Composition Logger V	2
	Composition Lesson V	3
MUST 3696	Music in History	3
MUST 4717	Counterpoint	3
Ensemble		1
MUST 4727	Electronic Music Composition: Practice, History, Theory	3
Music Elective (select from	MUSC, MUED and MUST 1000-4999)	3
	Credit Hours	16
Spring		
MUST 3759	Composition Lesson VI	3
MUST 4712	Computer Synthesis of Music	3
Ensemble		1
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MUST 4723	Score Reading	3
MUST 3713	Score Reading Orchestration	3
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Free Elective		3
	Credit Hours	13
Spring		
MUST 4759	Composition Lesson VIII	3
MUST 3896	Theory Seminar II	3
MUST 4710	Early Music Ensemble	1
Music Studies Elective	e (select from MUST 1000-4999)	3
Free Elective		3
	Credit Hours	13
	Total Credit Hours	124