

Bachelor of Music in Composition: Course Checklist

This degree checklist is intended to assist in your course planning but is not intended to serve as an official guide to graduation requirements. To confirm progress toward graduation, you should refer to your degree audit.

Musicianship (30-32 s.h.)

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1201 Musicianship & Theory I*	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1202 Musicianship & Theory II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2203 Musicianship & Theory III	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2204 Musicianship & Theory IV	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1211 Group Instruction in Piano I**	1
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1212 Group Instruction in Piano II**	1
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1210 Recital Attendance	6
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2301 History of Western Music I (Also meets GER: LVPA and HP)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2302 History of Western Music II (Also meets GER: LVPA and HP)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:3625 Techniques of Conducting	2

*Entering students who do *not* have Advanced Placement (AP) or transfer credit should enroll in MUS:1201:0002, and take Placement Exam A, administered online in the summer before the start of the fall semester, to determine readiness for the sequence. For further information, please see: <https://music.uiowa.edu/future-students/undergraduate-students/musicianship-theory-placement>

**Students will take a piano placement exam and may place out of one or both Group Piano classes based on their proficiency.

Diverse Musical Cultures Requirement (3 s.h.)

Select one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1009 Jazz Cultures America and Abroad (Also meets GER: VSD and LVPA)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1310 World Music (Also meets GER: LVPA)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2311 Music of Latin Am. & Caribbean (Also meets GER: VSD and LVPA)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:4350 Advanced Jazz History	3

Performance (Applied Music/Ensembles)

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:20-- Applied Lessons	6*
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:1121 Secondary Piano lessons (2 semesters)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:----Major Ensemble (6 semesters) (may substitute another ensemble with consent of advisor)	6

*A maximum of 6 semesters (12 s.h.) in lower-level applied instruction is allowed. If piano is your instrument, then a total of 8 s.h. are required.

Composition Requirements (21 s.h.)

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS: 2219 Introduction to Composition	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2220 Composition (individual lessons, at least 6 semesters at 2 s.h. each)	12
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2820 Electronic Music Production	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:3230 Composition Seminar (co-requisite with MUS:2220; register for 1 s.h. at least two semesters, usually when presenting)	2
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:4910 Bachelor's Thesis	1

Required Supportive Courses (9 s.h.)

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:4200 Counterpoint Before 1600 or MUS:4201 Counterpoint After 1600	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:4220 Orchestration	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:5236 Non-Tonal Analysis	3

Music electives (6 s.h.)

Choose from any music (MUS) courses, except those closed to music majors

Recommended for composition majors:

<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2206 Form & Analysis	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:3280 Spectral Nature of Sound	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:3285 New Musical Instruments	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS 4210 Keyboard Harmony	1
<input type="checkbox"/> MUS:2800 Digital Arts: an Introduction	3

General Education Requirements**

Communication and Literacy

<input type="checkbox"/> Rhetoric	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretation of Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/> World Language	0-16

Natural, Quantitative & Social Sciences

<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Sciences	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative or Formal Reasoning	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences	3

Culture, Society & the Arts*

<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity & Inclusion	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Perspectives	3
<input type="checkbox"/> International & Global Issues	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Literary, Visual & Performing Arts	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Values & Culture	3

*Music Majors may use up to three music courses (025/MUS) toward completing the General Education Requirements.

For detailed information about General Education requirements, see:

<http://clas.uiowa.edu/students/general-education-program-requirements>

**These are the current requirements for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Please consult the CLAS website for the requirements you will be held to based on your entry year