BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

The Bachelor of Arts in Music provides a humanistic approach to the study of music as a significant part of human tradition and culture. This degree program provides broad liberal arts preparation with significant study in music. The structure of the degree program offers students several avenues to pursue individual interests in music as preparation for careers in music or music-related fields. In consultation with an adviser, students complete an elective emphasis appropriately focused on their area of interest.

Preparation for the major involves competency and/or coursework requirements in theory, ear training, and piano.

Music (B.A.) — 45 units
Lower-Division Core (15 units)

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<tr>
<td>MUS 150</td>
<td>Concert Music (each semester in residence up to and including eight semesters)</td>
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<td>MUS 201</td>
<td>Class Piano I</td>
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<td>MUS 202</td>
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<td>or MUS 206</td>
<td>Beginning Jazz/Pop Piano</td>
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<td>MUS/TH A 221</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Ear Training and Musicianship I</td>
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<td>MUS 222</td>
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<td>or MUS 270</td>
<td>Improvisation</td>
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<td>MUS 231</td>
<td>Species Counterpoint</td>
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<td>MUS 232</td>
<td>Diatonic Harmony</td>
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<td>&amp; MUS 233</td>
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<td>Modern Musicianship: Theory, Training I and Ear Training II</td>
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<td>&amp; MUS 235</td>
<td>Modern Musicianship: Theory, Application, and Ear Training II</td>
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1 Piano majors may substitute private lessons.

Upper-Division Core (11 Units)

Students may not enroll in upper-division courses in music until all lower-division courses have been completed with a grade of C or better. These courses must be completed no later than the end of the first semester of the junior year.

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<td>20th Century Techniques</td>
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<td>MUS 433</td>
<td>Introduction to Music Technology</td>
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<td>MUS 542GW</td>
<td>Music in Culture and Context - GWAR</td>
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<td>MUS 598</td>
<td>Senior Thesis</td>
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Upper-Division Electives (19 units)

To fulfill the requirements of the major in the Bachelor of Arts in Music, students must complete an additional 19 units of upper-division MUS coursework. Based on their interests, along with mandatory faculty advising each semester, students may select courses to build an emphasis area, of which several are most common: Classical, Jazz, Popular, Creative/World, Electronic Music, and Historical Keyboard. Advising sheets are available from the Music Office and Faculty Advisers.

Note: A minimum of 40 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper-division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper-division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

Complementary Studies

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than MUS and not cross-listed with MUS. Music majors will be offered several pathways toward completing this requirement, each of which is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner. Music majors may, with the approval of a MUS Program advisor, satisfy the Complementary Studies requirement by completing 12 units in a single foreign language of their choosing; 12 units from courses taken in a study abroad program; 12 units from courses taken as partial completion of a second major, minor or certificate; or 12 units from courses in related disciplines. Related disciplines typically include theater, dance, cinema, broadcast and electronic communications, creative writing, journalism, kinesiology, physical education, health education, holistic health, biology, elementary education, English, history, anthropology, business, and journalism. Up to 12 units of Complementary Studies may count toward the major for courses that are related to music, as determined by a major advisor.

The Bachelor of Arts in Music degree requires completion of the University General Education requirements, 45 units of requirements in music appropriate to the degree emphasis, which includes concert attendance (MUS 150), and additional elective units for a total of 120 units. Additional elective units may be taken in music, but a maximum of 60 units in music may be counted towards the 120 units required for graduation.

Note:
- Lower-division preparation for the Bachelor of Arts in Music should be completed during the first two years of study at SF State.
- Lower-division preparation in music must be completed prior to enrollment in upper-division music coursework.
- Students must enroll in MUS 150 (0 units) each semester in residence up to and including eight semesters.
- A grade of C or better is required for all music courses in the Bachelor of Arts in Music major.

General Education Requirements

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**SF State Studies**

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.

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**American Ethnic and Racial Minorities**

- 3 units (430-439) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 430.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 431.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 432.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 433.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 434.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 435.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 436.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 437.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 438.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 439.

**Social Justice**

- 3 units (420-429) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 420.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 421.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 422.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 423.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 424.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 425.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 426.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 427.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 428.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 429.

**Social Sciences**

- 3 units (400-409) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 400.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 401.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 402.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 403.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 404.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 405.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 406.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 407.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 408.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 409.

**Arts and/or Humanities**

- 3 units (300-399) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 300.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 301.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 302.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 303.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 304.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 305.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 306.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 307.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 308.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 309.

**Physical and/or Life Science**

- 3 units (300-309) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 300.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 301.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 302.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 303.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 304.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 305.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 306.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 307.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 308.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 309.

**Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)**

- 3 units (410-419) are required.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 410.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 411.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 412.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 413.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 414.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 415.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 416.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 417.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 418.
- 1 unit is recommended from section 419.

**General Advising Information for Transfer Students**

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.

2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.

   - a course in U.S. History
   - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit [http://www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine.
• Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 units/90 quarters required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division general education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State’s lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State’s lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (GE A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

All Students Must Meet the Transfer Eligibility Requirements Outlined Below for Admission.

For more information, visit the Undergraduate Admissions section.

• Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units
• Earn a college grade point average of 2.0 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
• Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
• Complete 30-semester units (45-quarter units) of general education, including four basic skills courses:
  a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE Area A1)
  b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE Area A2)
  c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE Area A3)
  d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning (same as CSU GE Area B4)
• The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90-quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a “C-” or better grade in each basic skills course.