BACHELOR OF MUSIC

The Bachelor of Music is an intensive curriculum for students wishing to study music for specific professional purposes or seeking professional levels of attainment in music. Bachelor of Music emphases within the program provide specialized study in piano, vocal, and instrumental performance; composition; jazz; history and literature; and music education (credential preparation). These specializations prepare students for graduate study or various professional opportunities. In addition to possessing musical ability and motivation, every candidate for the professional degree program must demonstrate, in an audition before a faculty panel, a significant technical and artistic level of accomplishment in at least one area of performance before being admitted to this major. Candidates for the Bachelor of Music major may apply either before or after enrolling at San Francisco State University. A maximum of 73 units in music may be counted toward this degree.

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Students in the composition emphasis have early and continued opportunities through private lessons, Composers’ Workshop, and other specialized classes to study with nationally recognized faculty composers and to have their works publicly performed. Students are expected to qualify for this emphasis at the end of the second year of study at San Francisco State University.

Students in the history/literature emphasis complete core courses in music history as well as courses in such topics as keyboard literature, jazz, ethnic music, and the works of individual composers. The culminating project for the history/literature emphasis, a senior thesis, is required. A significant technical and artistic level of accomplishment in at least one area of performance before being admitted to this major. Candidates for the Bachelor of Music major may apply either before or after enrolling at San Francisco State University. A maximum of 73 units in music may be counted toward this degree.

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**Instrumental Performance Emphasis (42 units)**

- **MUS 201** Class Piano I 1
- **MUS 202** Class Piano II 1
- **MUS 203** Class Piano III 1
- **MUS 353** Instrumental Major (1 unit course taken eight times) 8
- **MUS 360** Major Repertoire (1 unit course taken eight times) 8
- **MUS 371-MUS 390** Major Instruction must have concurrent enrollment in a large classical ensemble (Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Chorus) 12
- **MUS 405** Tonal Counterpoint 3
- **MUS 416** Theory Seminar 3
- **MUS 640** Ensemble Conducting 2
- Music electives on advisement 2

**Composition Emphasis (45 units)**

Students wishing to qualify for the composition emphasis file an "Intent to Apply" form at the completion of MUS 232, and make their actual application to the program at the completion of MUS 425 (normally at the end of the sophomore year). The application consists of an application form, a transcript, and a portfolio of compositions. A portfolio of scores and recordings of works written for a variety of ensembles must also be submitted and approved before graduation from the program.

- **MUS 201** Class Piano I 1
- **MUS 202** Class Piano II 1
- **MUS 203** Class Piano III 1
- **MUS 301** Class Piano IV 1
- **MUS 302** Class Piano V 1
- **MUS 224** Ear Training and Musicianship IV 1
- Units on advisement from MUS 303 - MUS 313 - MUS 353 Piano, Voice, or Instrumental Major 4

**Jazz Emphasis (45–48 units)**

Select two of the following: 2

- **MUS 201** Class Piano I
- **MUS 202** Class Piano II
- **MUS 203** Class Piano III
- **MUS 206** Beginning Jazz/Pop Piano

Upon advisement, for MUS 201-MUS 203 and MUS 206, jazz piano majors may substitute from the following three courses:

- **MUS 382** Keyboard Harmony
- **MUS 383** Piano Accompaniment
- **MUS 391** Piano Sightreading

Piano, Voice, or Instrumental Major: 8

- 2 semesters of applied classical lessons are required before admission to the major

- **MUS 303** Keyboard Major
- **MUS 313** Voice Major
- **MUS 353** Instrumental Major

**MUS 360** Major Repertoire (1 unit course taken six to eight times) 6-8

**MUS 371 - MUS 390** (2 units must be in large classical ensembles) 8-10

Major Instruction must have concurrent enrollment in MUS 371 - MUS 390 Ensemble Series 2

Major instruction in one instrument or voice: minimum 2 units large classical ensemble (Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Chorus) for students studying orchestral instruments or voice; minimum 2 units in Jazz and/or Creative Music performance classes for those students studying Jazz and Creative 2 units required (1 unit per semester). 2 units maximum (1 unit per semester)

- **MUS 270** Improvisation 2
- **MUS 431** Jazz Improvisation I 2
- **MUS 432** Jazz Improvisation II 2
- **MUS 440** Jazz Harmony 3
- **MUS 441** Jazz Composition and Arranging 3
- **MUS 558** Music of John Coltrane 3

Music elective on advisement 3

Required performance and passing of a Senior Recital
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History and Literature Emphasis (44 units)

Piano, Voice, or Instrumental Major:

- MUS 303 Keyboard Major (on advisement)
- MUS 313 Voice Major (on advisement)
- MUS 353 Instrumental Major (on advisement)
- MUS 201 Class Piano I
- MUS 202 Class Piano II
- MUS 203 Class Piano III
- MUS 301 Class Piano IV
- MUS 302 Class Piano V
- MUS 371 - MUS 390 Ensemble Series (1 each)

Select 12 units from the following:

- MUS 520 Seminar in Music Literature
- MUS 530 Musics of the Middle East and India
- MUS 531 Musics of North and Southeast Asia
- MUS 532 Music of Latin America
- or other advisor approved elective

Select 5 units of electives on advisement

In addition, candidates must pass the junior qualifying examination in one instrument or voice and demonstrate basic reading knowledge of French, German, or another appropriate language.

Music Education Emphasis (43 units)

All Music Education Emphasis students complete the Music Education emphasis core courses and choose one option from Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, or the Diversified Program as shown below. Students must also present a recital.

Music Education Emphasis Core Courses (16 units)

- MUS 351 Class Orchestral and Band Instruments I
- MUS 433 Introduction to Music Technology
- MUS 608 Early Field Experience in Music Education
- MUS 610 General Music
- MUS 616 Woodwinds
- MUS 618 Strings
- MUS 620 Brass Instruments
- MUS 640 Ensemble Conducting

Instrumental Music Option (26 units)

Select two of the following on advisement:

- MUS 203 Class Piano III
- MUS 301 Class Piano IV
- MUS 302 Class Piano V

Vocal Music, or the Diversified Program as shown below. Students must also present a recital.

Vocal Music Option (25 units)

- MUS 270 Improvisation
- MUS 211 Class Voice I
- MUS 353 Instrumental Major (MUS 371-MUS 390 1 each, 7 units total)
- MUS 371 - MUS 390 1

Major Instruction must have concurrent enrollment in MUS 371 -
MUS 390 Ensemble Series

Major instruction in one instrument or voice: minimum 2 units large
classical ensemble (Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Chorus) for students studying orchestral instruments or voice: minimum 2 units in Jazz
and/or Creative Music performance classes for those students studying Jazz and Creative 2 units required (1 unit per semester). 2 units maximum (1 unit per semester)

- MUS 415 Orchestration
- MUS 644 Advanced Instrumental Conducting and Literature

Select six units from the following:

- MUS 270 Improvisation
- MUS 371-MUS 390
- MUS 394 Vocal Performance Practicum

Music elective on advisement

Diversified Program (Keyboard/Choral) Option (25 units)

- MUS 303 Keyboard Major (1 unit course taken eight times)
- MUS 201 Class Piano I
- MUS 202 Class Piano II
- MUS 203 Class Piano III
- MUS 301 Class Piano IV
- MUS 302 Class Piano V

Select six units from the following:

- MUS 201 Class Piano I
- MUS 202 Class Piano II
- MUS 203 Class Piano III
- MUS 301 Class Piano IV
- MUS 302 Class Piano V

In addition, candidates must pass the junior qualifying examination in one instrument or voice and demonstrate basic reading knowledge of French, German, or another appropriate language.

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MUS 270  Improvisation
MUS 370-MUS 390  Vocal Performance Practicum

Music elective on advisement

1  MUS 371, MUS 372, MUS 373, and MUS 379 fulfill General Education requirements; therefore, an additional 3 units may be taken for GE and are not counted in the emphasis total.
2  At least 1 unit must include MUS 270.
3  At least 2 units must include MUS 388 or MUS 390.
4  For the Diversified Concentration a minimum of 6 units must be in choral ensembles.

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), in a major or minor, or an elective.

Environmental Sustainability (ES)  LD or UD  3
Global Perspectives (GP)  LD or UD  3
Social Justice (SJ)  LD or UD  3

Note: LD = Lower Division; UD = Upper Division.

First Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

This roadmap opens in a new tab. (bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/music/bm/roadmap.html)

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
   - a 2nd-semester course in written English composition

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit 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, including 2nd-semester composition;

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 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 in order 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.

Identify and complete a 2nd-semester written English composition course before transfer. This is usually the next course after the typical “freshman comp” course, with a focus on writing, reading and critical analytical skills for academic purposes, and developing skills in composing, revising, and the use of rhetorical strategies.

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 2.00 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, with intermediate algebra as a prerequisite (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.