

BACHELOR OF MUSIC ROADMAP

Last Admit Fall 2025

125 Total Units Required

Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 66

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult your Degree Planner (<https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/>) and an advisor for further guidance.

To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet the **SF State Studies** (AERM, GP, ESCA, SJ) requirements within your GE or major.

Course	Title	Units
First Semester		
MUS 130/TH A 131	The Foundations of Music Theory (Hidden Prerequisite for MUS 231)	3
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	
GE Area 1A: English Composition ²		3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning ³		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		4
Units		16
Second Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS/TH A 221	Ear Training I (Major Core)	2
MUS 231	Species Counterpoint (Major Core)	3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		14-15
Third Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 222	Ear Training II (Major Core)	2
MUS 232	Diatonic Harmony (Major Core)	3
GE Area 3B: Humanities		3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ⁵		3
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
Units		14-15
Fourth Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 223	Fundamentals of Ear Training and Musicianship III (Major Core)	2

MUS 403	Chromatic Harmony (Major Core)	3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ⁵		3
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/areasix/)		3
U.S. and California Government (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Units		14
Fifth Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 420	20th Century Techniques (Major Core)	3
MUS 542GW	Music in Culture and Context - GVAR (Major Core)	3
Area of Emphasis (36-49 units) - Take Three to Seven ⁶		7
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts		3
Units		16
Sixth Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 550	Western European Music History from the Middle Ages to 1750 (Major Core)	3
Area of Emphasis (36-49 units) - Take Four to Eleven ⁶		11
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		17
Seventh Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 551	European and American Classical Music History of the 18th and 19th Century (Major Core)	3
Area of Emphasis (36-49 units) - Take Four to Eleven ⁶		11
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Units		17
Eighth Semester		
MUS 150	Major Core ¹	0
MUS 552	Classical Music History of Europe and the Americas in the 20th Century (Major Core)	3
Area of Emphasis (36-49 units) - Take Five to Fourteen ⁶		14
Units		17
Total Units		125-127

¹ Required each semester for Music majors.

² Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 1A course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit how to find your pathway (<https://>)

gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/). Questions?

Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

- ³ Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine the appropriate GE 2 course option. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

- ⁴ Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill 5C if not already satisfied.

- ⁵ First-time freshmen must take one lower-division Area 4 course that meets US History (USH).

- ⁶ **Area of Emphasis (36-49 units)**

A full list of courses that can fulfill this requirement can be found in the Degree Requirements (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/music/bm/#degreerequirementstext>).