

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC ROADMAP

120 Total Units Required

Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 45

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 (Major Lower-Division Core)	3
GE Area 1A: English Composition ¹		3
GE Area 1: English Communication		3
GE Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ³		3
Units		15

Second Semester

MUS 201	Class Piano I (Major Lower-Division Core)	1
MUS/TH A 221	Ear Training I (Major Lower-Division Core)	2
MUS 232	Diatonic Harmony (Major Lower-Division 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		15-16

Third Semester

MUS 200/TH A 234	Fundamentals of Modern Musicianship (Major Lower-Division Core)	3
Select One (Major Lower-Division Core):		1
MUS 202	Class Piano II	
MUS/TH A 206	Beginning Jazz/Pop Piano	
MUS 222	Ear Training II (Major Lower-Division Core)	2
GE Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences ⁴		3-4
GE Area 3B: Humanities		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15-16

Fourth Semester

MUS 237	Introduction to Music Technology (Major Lower-Division Core)	2
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MUS 281	The American Musical Experience (Major Lower-Division Core, GE 3A)	3
GE Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ³		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Two		6
Units		14

Fifth Semester

Major Upper-Division Core (Select One):		3
MUS 403	Chromatic Harmony	
MUS 440	Jazz Harmony	
MUS 542GW	Music in Culture and Context - GVAR (Major Upper-Division Core)	3
GE Area 6: Ethnic Studies (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/areasix/)		3
GE Area 5UD or 2UD: Upper-Division Sciences or Upper-Division Mathematical Concepts		3
U.S. and California Government (https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/american-institutions/#usg)		3
Units		15

Sixth Semester

Music History (6 units) ⁵		3
GE Area 3UD: Upper-Division Arts or Humanities		3
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
Units		15

Seventh Semester

Music History (6 units) ⁵		3
Upper-Division Music Electives (12 units) ⁶		6
GE Area 4UD: Upper-Division Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
SF State Studies or University Elective		3
Units		15

Eighth Semester

Major Upper-Division Core (Select One):		1
MUS 361	Capstone Composition or Performance Project	
MUS 598	Senior Thesis	
Upper-Division Music Electives (12 units) ⁶		6
SF State Studies or University Elective - Take Three		9
Units		16
Total Units		120-122

¹ 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/>)

² 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/>). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

³ First-time freshmen must take one lower-division Area 4 course that meets US History (USH).

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

⁵ **Music History (6 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/ba-music/#degreerequirementstext>).

⁶ **Upper-Division Electives (12 units)**

- Courses may come from MUS 260 and any MUS course numbered 300 and above.
- Courses may also include any of the above options not already taken to fulfill a requirement
- Students may take a max of 4 units of MUS 260, MUS 303, MUS 313, MUS 353