

# BACHELOR OF MUSIC: CONCENTRATION IN MUSIC PRODUCTION

The Bachelor of Music Degree with concentration in Music Production prepares students for careers as music producers in the popular or commercial music industry. Students learn the techniques of sound design, recording, mixing, and mastering as well as the fundamentals of music theory, ear training and keyboard performance. They emerge from this unique program with technical and musical skills ready to contribute to the industry of music production.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Musical Literacy. Students will demonstrate proficiency in reading, notating, and transcribing music by ear. Students will demonstrate critical listening abilities through describing, analyzing, and articulating artistic and perceptual aspects of music.
2. Performance. Students will demonstrate applied performance skills through accurate, and expressive instrumental or vocal performances.
3. Creation. Students will be able to express compelling and original musical thought through arranging, composing, and improvising in a variety of styles and for a variety of purposes.
4. Critical Understanding of Historical, Cultural, and Aesthetic Contexts. Students will be able to apply historical and cultural knowledge and aesthetic judgement in order to articulate significance and meaning in music within diverse contexts.

## Bachelor of Music: Concentration in Music Production – 55 units

- Students with prior knowledge or experience may petition to complete requirements (units) by credit by examination.
- 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.
- A grade of C or better is required for all Music courses in the Bachelor of Arts in Music major.

### Lower Division Core (20 units)

#### Foundational (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 130/ TH A 131	The Foundations of Music Theory	3

#### Theory/Musicianship (10 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 200/ TH A 234	Fundamentals of Modern Musicianship	3
MUS/TH A 221	Ear Training I	2
MUS 222	Ear Training II	2
MUS 232	Diatonic Harmony	3

### Piano (2 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 201	Class Piano I	1
Select One:		1
MUS 202	Class Piano II	
MUS/TH A 206	Beginning Jazz/Pop Piano	

### Technology (2 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 237	Introduction to Music Technology	2

### History (3 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 281	The American Musical Experience	3

### Upper-Division Core (13 Units)

#### Core (4 units)

Code	Title	Units
MUS 542GW	Music in Culture and Context - GVAR	3
Select One:		1
MUS 361	Capstone Composition or Performance Project	
MUS 598	Senior Thesis	

### Theory (3 units)

Select One:

Code	Title	Units
MUS 403	Chromatic Harmony	3
MUS 440	Jazz Harmony	3

### Music History (6 units)

Select Two:

Code	Title	Units
AFRS 514	African Musical Diaspora	3
AIS 320	American Indian Music	3
MUS 505	Music of the World's Peoples	3
MUS 506	Survey of Jazz	3
MUS 513	Asian Musical Diaspora	3
MUS 515	Latin American Musical Diaspora	3
MUS 550	Western European Music History from the Middle Ages to 1750	3
MUS 551	European and American Classical Music History of the 18th and 19th Century	3
MUS 552	Classical Music History of Europe and the Americas in the 20th Century	3
MUS 558	Music of John Coltrane	3
MUS 559	Women in Jazz	3

### Concentration Requirements (22 units)

Code	Title	Units
BECA 231	Audio Production Basics	3
BECA 330	The Sound Studio I: Consoles & Signal Flow	3
4 units chosen from MUS 370 - MUS 380; MUS 386 - MUS 390		4
MUS 406	Song Writing Workshop	3
MUS 408	Electronic Music Production	2
MUS 418	Advanced Electronic Music Production	2

MUS 426	Marketing and Law in the Music Industry	2
3 units of Electives on advisement		3

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the [Degree Planner \(https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/\)](https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/) tool found in your [Student Center](#).

First-Time Student Roadmap (<https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/liberal-creative-arts/music/bm-conc-music-production/roadmap-4-year/>)

## This degree program is an approved pathway ("similar" major) for students earning the ADT in Music

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area C and 3 units in lower-division GE area D until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a "similar" major after transfer. Determinations about "similar" majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a "similar" major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

## 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://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;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units 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 (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 [bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL](https://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.