

Music, BA

4-Year Pathway 2026/27 Catalog

Fall Freshman Courses (15 units total)	Course Title	Units	GE/ Major
Any approved FYS course	First Year Seminar	3	FYS
HCOM 110 OR any approved GE 1C course	Oral Communication	3	GE Area 1C
STAT 100 or MATH 100	Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3	GE Area 2
MPA 100 (offered fall only)	Music Fundamentals	3	GE Area 3A: Arts/Major
MPA 104 (offered fall only)	Musicianship I	2	Major
MPA 110 (offered fall only)	Keyboard I	1	Major
Spring Freshman Courses (15 units total)	Course Title	Units	GE/ Major
HCOM 120, 125 OR any approved GE 1A course	English Composition	3	GE Area 1A
ENVS 201 or any approved GE 5B course	Biological Science and Laboratory	4	GE Area 5B and 5C
MPA 101 (MPA 100 prereq); (offered spring only)	Diatonic Harmony	3	Major
MPA 105 (MPA 104 prereq); (offered spring only)	Musicianship II	2	Major
MPA 210 (MPA 110 prereq); (offered spring only)	Keyboard II	1	Major
Free Elective	Free Elective	2	Elective
Fall Sophomore Courses (14 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/ Major
HCOM 200 , HCOM 202 OR any approved GE 1B course	Critical Thinking	3	GE Area 1B
HCOM 251, HCOM 265, SSCI 111 OR any approved GE 4	4A: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	4A/US1

ENVS 282, GEOL 110 OR any	Physical Science	3	GE Area 5A
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approved GE 5A course			
MPA 102 (MPA 101 prereq); (offered fall only)	Chromatic Harmony	3	Major
MPA 106 (MPA 105 prereq); (offered fall only)	Musicianship III	2	Major
Spring Sophomore Courses (16 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/Major
ED 212s, HCOM 260s, OR SL 210s	4B: Civics	3	4B/US2&3
ES 191, ES 220, ES 229 OR any approved GE 6 course	Ethnic Studies	3	GE Area 6
ASL, JAPN OR SPAN 101	Beginning Lang other than English	3	WCL-P prereq, Area 3B
MPA 108 (offered spring only)	Introduction to Music Production	2	Major
MPA 114 (offered spring only)	Intro to Music Business	3	Major
Free Elective	Free Elective	2	Elective
Fall Junior Courses (15 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/Major
MPA 340 (MPA 100 prereq); (to be completed twice)	Music Production & Artistic Development	1	Major
MPA 300-400 level course MPA 321, MPA 335 or MPA 365 (recommended) Prereq: GE Area 1A and 1B and 1C and 2 with a C- or better). (offered fall only)	Monterey Jazz Festival or Reflections on American Music or Survey of Global Music	3	Major Elective/UD GE: Area 3
MPA 317S (Prereq: GE Area 1A and 1B and 1C and 2 with a C- or better); (offered spring only)	Community Involvement SL	3	Major/UDSL/ UDGE: Area 4

MPA 305 (Prereq: GE Area 1A and 1B and 1C and 2 with a C- or better); (offered fall only)	Measuring Music (Quantitative Reasoning)	3	Major/UD GE: Area 2
MPA 368: Songwriting (MPA 100 prereq) or MPA 370: Acoustic Composition (MPA 100 prereq or Instructor consent); (offered fall only)	Complete two units from Music Composition Coursework MPA 368 or MPA 370	2	Major
ASL, JAPN, SPAN 102	2nd-semester language course	3	WCL-P prereq, Area 3B

Spring Junior Courses (16 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/ Major
MPA 300 (Junior standing; corequisite MPA 304); (offered spring only)	Major Pro Seminar	2	Major
MPA 304 (Junior standing; corequisite MPA 300); (offered spring only)	Writing about Music	3	Major/GWAR
MPA 371: Composition Seminar (MPA 100 prereq or Instructor consent) or MPA 372: Screen Scoring (MPA 100 prereq); (offered spring only)	Complete two units from Music Composition Coursework MPA 371 or 372	2	Major
ASL, JAPN, SPAN 201	World Culture & Lang Proficiency	3	WCL-P, Area 3B
Free Elective	Free Elective	3	Major
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Fall Senior Courses (15 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/Major
MPA 475A (MPA 300 prereq and Senior standing); (offered fall only)	Senior Capstone	2	Major

MPA 300-400 level course not previously taken. MPA 321, MPA 335 or MPA 365 (recommended); Prereq: GE Area 1A and 1B and 1C and 2 with a C- or better); (offered fall only)	Monterey Jazz Festival or Reflections on American Music or Survey of Global Music	3	Major Elective/UD GE: Area 3
MPA 340 (MPA 100 prereq); (to be completed twice); (offered fall only)	Music Production & Artistic Development	1	Major
Free Elective	Free Elective	3	Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective	3	Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective	3	Elective
Spring Senior Courses (13 units)	Course Title	Units	GE/Major
MPA 475B (MPA 475A prereq and Senior standing); (offered spring only)	Senior Capstone	2	Major

MPA 384 (MPA 100 prereq); (offered spring only)	Music in Context	3	Major
Any MPA 300-400 level Course (if needed)	MPA 300-400 level course	3	Major elective
Free Elective	Free Elective	3	Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective	2	Elective
Free Elective	Free Elective	1	Elective