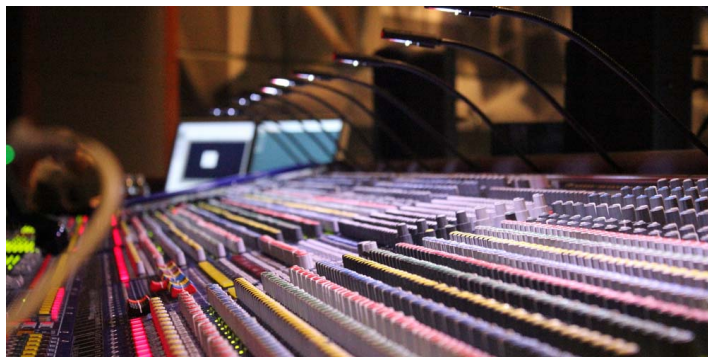


# MUSIC & NEW MEDIA (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Bachelor of Arts in Music with Emphasis in New Media

Unit: Music (<http://louisville.edu/music/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): MUSIBA\_MNM

## Program Information

The Music & New Media program provides training in digital media concepts and skills necessary for the creation and production of sound for public performance, music albums, digital video, internet applications, interactive media, cinema, commercials, video games, theater, dance, and software development.

Students have the flexibility in the curriculum to focus on their own goals and interests after completing the minimum requirements of the program in audio engineering, acoustics, sound design, electronic music, sound analysis, video generation, sound art, and creative new media projects. Students design and realize a Capstone project with direct faculty oversight. These projects reflect the student's own focus, interests, and goals.

The program is designed to prepare students for careers in music and new media arts that emphasize presentation, performance, and research with technology, including audio and video production for multimedia communications, music recording, audio and video post-production, video art, sound engineering, sound design for film and gaming, sound art, sound and image research, public performance, and computer music composition.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	31
	College/School Requirements	38
	Program/Major Requirements	29
	Supporting Courses	22
	<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

## Departmental Admission Requirements

Students in this unit are admitted directly into their degree program.

## General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1,2</sup>	31

The following courses are required by this program and should be used to fulfill the respective General Education Requirement:

MUH 214	African-American Music - AH ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

## College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>School of Music Requirements</b>		
MUS 141	Theory I <sup>3</sup>	4
MUS 142	Theory II	4
MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I <sup>11</sup>	2
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 109	Major Ensembles (Principal Ensemble - minimum of two 1-hour courses) <sup>4</sup>	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles (minimum of six 1-hour courses) <sup>5</sup>	6
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (four semesters with grade of S)	0
	<i>Applied Instrument or Voice:</i> <sup>6</sup>	4

Select one of the following sequences.

Sequence one:		
MUSA 125 & MUSA 126 & MUSA 225 & MUSA 226	Arts Instrument Arts Instrument Arts Instrument Arts Instrument	
Sequence two:		
MUSA 111 & MUSA 112	Principal Applied Study Principal Applied Study	
Sequence three:		
MUSA 105 & MUSA 106	Jazz Applied Jazz Applied	
MUS 131	Piano Class <sup>7,8</sup>	1

MUS 132	Piano Class <sup>7,8</sup>	1
MUS 350	Analysis of Electronic Media	2
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1
MUS 197	Piano Proficiency	0

**Minimum Total Hours** **38**

## Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Music &amp; New Media Courses</b>		
MUS 170	Introduction to Musical Acoustics	3
MUS 171	Audio Engineering	3
MUS 270	Creative Audio Recording and Production Techniques	2
MUS 271	Sound Design	3
MUS 376	Sound Art	3
MUS 477	Special Topics in New Media	3
MUSA 145	Secondary Composition	2
Select two courses from the following:		4
MUS 535	Music Industry I	
MUS 551	Studies in Improvisation	
MUS 567	Introduction to Electronic and Computer Music	
MUS 517	Audio for Games and Non-Linear Media	
MUS 556	Film and TV Scoring	
MUSA 586	Composition for Digital Media I	
MUS 396	New Media Internship	2
MUS 268	New Media Seminar (8 semesters)	4
MUS 496	BA Capstone Project (CUE)	0

**Minimum Total Hours** **29**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Supporting Courses</b>		
General Electives <sup>10</sup>		22

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)</b>		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
MUS 494	Preparation for Capstone	
MUS 496	BA Capstone Project	

## Upper Division Assessment

All students enrolled in a music degree program will be reviewed at the approximate midpoint of the selected program in order for students to achieve Upper Division status. Students must meet the standards of this review to register for 400-level courses in music. Both the elements and standards of the review are established by the faculty and include credit for MUS 242 Musicianship IV or (MUS 347 Analysis I for BA General, MUS 349 Jazz Analysis for BA Jazz Studies, MUS 350 Analysis of Electronic Media for BA Music & New Media); MUS 361 Introduction to Musicologies; 4 semesters of Applied Instrument at the course numbers required for the degree; Piano Proficiency Examination; MUS 97 Recital Attendance, with a grade of S for 4 semesters; Ensemble participation; cumulative 2.5 GPA (good standing); minimum of 48 credit hours completed; pass ENGL 101 or ENGL 105; and 3 additional General Education/Cardinal Core courses.

Additional specific elements and standards appropriate to specific degree programs in jazz studies (including jazz performance, music education and music therapy with tracks in jazz studies, and the BA in jazz studies), music composition, music education, music history, instrumental and vocal performance, pedagogy, music theory, and music therapy are required of students in order to achieve Upper Division status and to continue in the degree program. Specific degree requirements are determined by the concentration and area faculties and are outlined in the *Undergraduate Student Handbook*.

- <sup>1</sup> Students are required to take MUH 214 African-American Music - AH (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), D1 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) and MUH 205 Music in World Cultures - D2 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), SB (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>).
- <sup>2</sup> Students majoring in music may take MUH courses as music electives with the exception of the cardinal core courses MUH 205 /MUH 214 and MUH 204.
- <sup>3</sup> Students who do not pass the computer-based Fundamentals Test prior to beginning of the fall semester are required to enroll in MUS 91 Fundamentals of Music I for 0 credit concurrently with MUS 141 Theory I. Students who do not pass Theory I (MUS 141), and students who enter the School of Music in January and do not place into MUS 142 Theory II, must enroll in MUS 92 Musicianship I for the spring semester. Credits for MUS 92 do not count toward the degree.
- <sup>4</sup> Strings take section 01, others solely dependent on the ensemble audition.
- <sup>5</sup> Contingent on interest and audition.
- <sup>6</sup> The Piano Proficiency Examination is required for applied piano and organ majors.
- <sup>7</sup> If the applied area is piano or organ, Piano Class is replaced with 2 hours of music electives. The Piano Proficiency Examination may be taken in lieu of two semesters of Piano Class.
- <sup>8</sup> Students must pass the complete Piano Proficiency Examination before receiving credit for the final semester of the piano requirement. Students must be enrolled continuously in Piano Class until their piano requirement has been completed. Those who pass the Piano Proficiency Exam before the end of the second semester of Piano Class may replace the requirement with electives or with secondary piano if faculty load permits.
- <sup>9</sup> Music electives in any Bachelor of Music degree should be chosen from courses in Music History, Music Theory/Composition, Music Education, Music Literature, Music Pedagogy, Music Therapy, Jazz, a secondary applied area, or a non-required ensemble. Courses beyond the degree requirement in the student's major applied area or in the required major ensemble(s) are not appropriate. For the Bachelor of Arts degree, in addition to the electives listed for the Bachelor of Music, applied music courses beyond the required four semesters are acceptable as music electives. MUH courses will not be accepted as music electives.
- <sup>10</sup> Non-music electives which include 18 hours in one area of concentration. At least nine (9) hours in the area of concentration must be at the 300-level or above. The student may choose to pursue a minor in a non-music area. School of Music students may count up to two one-hour Physical Education courses toward the general elective requirement.

<sup>11</sup> Students must complete a 1-credit hour module in Term 1 and 1-credit hour module in Term 2 the same semester that they are registered for MUS 241 Musicianship III.

**Flight Plan**

Year 1		Hours
<b>Fall</b>		
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1
MUSA 125	Arts Instrument	1
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 141	Theory I	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 131	Piano Class	1
MUS 170	Introduction to Musical Acoustics	3
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14.5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MUSA 126	Arts Instrument	1
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 142	Theory II	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 132	Piano Class (or Music Elective)	1
MUS 197	Piano Proficiency	0
MUS 171	Audio Engineering	3
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning – QR		3
Milestones after Year 1: 31 total hours, 2.5 GPA		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16.5</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MUSA 225	Arts Instrument	1
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I	2
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 271	Sound Design	3
Non-Music Elective in any other discipline		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science – S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science Lab – SL		1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14.5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MUSA 226	Arts Instrument	1
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 350	Analysis of Electronic Media	2
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUSA 145	Secondary Composition	2
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 270	Creative Audio Recording and Production Techniques	2
MUH 214	African-American Music - AH ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), D1 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
Milestones after Year 2: 60 total hours, 2.5 GPA		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14.5</b>

<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration		3
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication – OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science – S		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16.5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 376	Sound Art	3
MUS 396	New Media Internship	2
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities – AH		3
Milestones after Year 3: 92 total hours, 2.5 GPA		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15.5</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 477	Special Topics in New Media	3
Choose one of the following courses: MUS 535, 551, 567, 575, 576, 586		2
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration (300 level or above)		3
Non-Music Elective in any other discipline (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Historical Perspective – SBH		3
MUS 494	Preparation for Capstone	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15.5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration (300 level or above)		3
Non-Music Elective in chosen concentration		3
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
Choose from one of the following: MUS 535, 551, 567, 575, 576, 586		2
MUS 268	New Media Seminar	0.5
MUS 496	BA Capstone Project	0
Milestones after Year 4: 120 total hours, 2.5 GPA		
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12.5</b>
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

**Degree Audit Report**

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

**Flight Planner**

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

**To create these reports:**

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
  - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
  - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
  - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

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