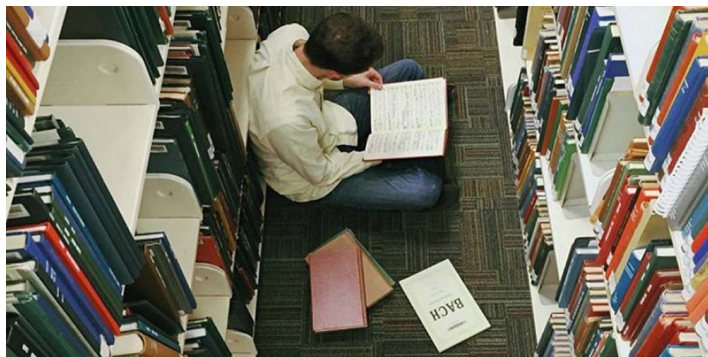


MUSIC HISTORY (BM)



Music with Emphasis in Music History (BM)

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 Music with Emphasis in Music History

Unit: Music (<http://www.louisville.edu/music/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): MUSIBM_MH

Program Information

The School of Music offers the Bachelor of Music and the Master of Music degrees in Music History.

The music history faculty at the University of Louisville represent a wide range of teaching and research disciplines. Part-time faculty bring expertise in cognate areas such as popular music, country music, history of rock and roll, world music, dance music, and music of the theater.

Undergraduate music history majors complete a senior research project under faculty supervision, concluding with a formal presentation and discussion with the panel of music history faculty. Graduate students in music history undertake a series of seminars and complete a thesis under faculty supervision, as well as satisfy a foreign language requirement and a final oral examination.

Past graduates in music history from the University of Louisville have made careers as musicologists, music librarians, arts administrators, and music critics.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	47
	Program/Major Requirements	15
	Supporting Courses	27-31
	Minimum Total Hours	120

¹ While not included in the School or Program coursework requirements, students are expected to take PAS 214 /MUH 214 and ANTH 205 / MUH 205 to satisfy some of the General Education requirements.

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 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	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 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

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
School of Music Requirements		
MUS 141	Theory I ²	4
MUS 142	Theory II ²	4
MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 242	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I ¹⁰	2
MUS 249	Theory Modules II ¹¹	2
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 109	Major Ensembles (eight 1-hour courses) ³	8
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (four semesters of "S")	0
MUS 131	Piano Class ⁴	1
MUS 132	Piano Class ⁴	1
MUS 231	Piano Class III ^{4,5}	1
MUS 347	Analysis I	2
MUSA 111	Principal Applied Study ⁶	2
MUSA 112	Principal Applied Study ⁶	2
MUSA 211	Principal Applied Study	2
MUSA 212	Principal Applied Study	2

MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1
MUS 297	Piano Proficiency	0
Minimum Total Hours		47

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Music History Requirements		
MUS 570	Studies in Music History	3
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MUS 593	Perspectives and Practices of Ethno/musicology	1
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MUS 499	Senior Research Paper/Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) (CUE) ⁷	4
Minimum Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
MUS 348	Analysis II	2
<i>Advanced Theory</i>		
Select one of the following sequences:		4
Sequence One:		
MUSA 145	Secondary Composition	
MUSA 146	Secondary Composition	
Sequence Two:		
MUS 345	Orchestral Scoring	
MUS 346	Band/Choral Scoring	
Sequence Three:		
MUS 349	Jazz Analysis	
MUS 351	Jazz Style & Analysis	
Sequence Four:		
MUS 353	Contemporary Composition Techniques I	
MUS 354	Contemporary Composition Techniques II	
Sequence Five:		
MUS 547	Chromatic Harmony and Analysis	
MUS 548	Post-Tonal Theory and Analysis	
Sequence Six:		
MUS 549	Renaissance Counterpoint	
MUS 550	Baroque Counterpoint	
MUS 359	Conducting I	2
MUSA 311	Principal Applied Study ¹²	1-2
or MUSA 325	Arts Instrument	
MUSA 312	Principal Applied Study ¹²	1-2
or MUSA 326	Arts Instrument	
MUSA 411	Principal Applied Study ¹²	1-2
or MUSA 425	Arts Instrument	
MUSA 412	Principal Applied Study ¹²	1-2
or MUSA 426	Arts Instrument	
General or Music Electives ⁸		11
Foreign Language Requirement ⁹		4
Minimum Total Hours		27-31

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 Analysis (MUS 347 for BA General; MUS 349 for BA Jazz Studies, MUS 350 for BA Music & New Media); MUS 361 Music Literature I; 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)s, 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*.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
MUS 499	Senior Research Paper/Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

¹ 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/>).

² Students who do not pass the computer-based Fundamentals Test prior to the 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 MUS 141, and students who enter the School of Music in January and do not place into MUS 142, must enroll in MUS 92 for the spring semester. Credits for MUS 92 do not count toward the degree.

³ Strings take section 01, others solely dependent on the ensemble audition.

⁴ If the applied principal is piano, Piano Class is replaced with 3 hours of music electives. For students with a piano background, three semesters of Secondary Piano (MUSA 121-MUSA 221) may be substituted for Piano Class.

⁵ Students will take the Piano Proficiency Examination at the end of MUS 231. Any student not completing the Piano Proficiency Examination will be required to take MUS 232 until the proficiency exam requirement is complete. Students must be enrolled continuously in Piano Class until their requirement has been completed. Those who pass the Piano Proficiency Examination before the end of the third semester of Piano Class may replace the requirement with electives or with secondary piano if faculty load permits. Entering students

- who have a background in piano may register for MUS 297 Piano Proficiency for one semester with approval of the Keyboard Area.
- ⁶ If the applied principal is voice, 2 hours of Diction (MUS 123-MUS 124) are required in addition to the 16 hours of voice.
- ⁷ Students may enroll for either 2 semesters at 2 credits per semester or 1 semester at 4 credits.
- ⁸ Electives to be determined in consultation with the program advisor. Students are strongly encouraged to include 1 credit hour of minor ensemble where appropriate. 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. The selection of music electives should be made in consultation with music history faculty and may include MUH courses, with the exception of MUH 204, MUH 205, and MUH 214.
- ⁹ Students are expected to choose their language course(s) in consultation with the Music History faculty.
- ¹⁰ Students must complete a 1-credit hour module in Term 1 and a 1-credit hour module in Term 2 the same semester that they are registered for MUS 241 Musicianship III.
- ¹¹ Students must complete a 1-credit hour module in Term 1 and a 1-credit hour module in Term 2 the same semester that they are registered for MUS 242 Musicianship IV.
- ¹² Students shall take either MUSA 311 or MUSA 325, MUSA 312 or MUSA 326, MUSA 411 or MUSA 425 and MUSA 412 or MUSA 426, for a total of at least 4 and up to 8 credit hours. Students may still take lessons for 2 credit hours per term beyond the degree requirements, should they choose to do so and/or if other circumstances require it (e.g., scholarships).

Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1
MUSA 111	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 141	Theory I	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 131	Piano Class (or Music Elective)	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
Hours		15
Spring		
MUSA 112	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 142	Theory II	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 132	Piano Class (or Music Elective)	1
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
MUSA 211	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1

MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I	2
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 231	Piano Class III (or Music Elective)	1
MUS 297	Piano Proficiency	0
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General or Music Elective		1
Hours		15
Spring		
MUSA 212	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 242	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 249	Theory Modules II	2
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 97	Recital Attendance	0
MUS 359	Conducting I	2
General or Music Electives		2
Hours		14
Year 3		
Fall		
MUSA 311	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
MUS 347	Analysis I	2
MUS 549	Renaissance Counterpoint	2
MUSA 425	Studies in Music History	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Hours		16
Spring		
MUSA 312	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 348	Analysis II	2
MUS 550	Baroque Counterpoint (Advanced Theory Course)	2
General or Music Elective(s)		2
Foreign Language Requirement		4
Hours		16
Year 4		
Fall		
MUSA 411	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 570	Studies in Music History	3
Advanced Theory course from specific list		2
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
MUS 593	Perspectives and Practices of Ethno/musicology	1
Hours		15
Spring		
MUSA 412	Principal Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
Advanced Theory course from specific list		2
MUS 570	Studies in Music History	3
MUS 499	Senior Research Paper/Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) (CUE)	4

MUH 214	African-American Music - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		121

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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