MUSIC, BA

Students entering this program should have a strong background in music. This should include performance experience with a specific instrument or voice type.

Admission into the Major

All students must pass an audition in order to declare a general music major (BA). To schedule an audition, students must fill out a separate application to the School of Music, which is available online at https://music.ua.edu/apply-audition/undergraduates/undergraduate-audition-request/.

Auditions typically take place between January and March prior to fall enrollment. Upon successful audition, students are expected to declare a major formally no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). Students can declare a major by completing the Change of Major/Minor Application online under the Student tab of myBama.

Students earning the bachelor of arts (BA) degree must complete all University, College and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

Code and Title		Hours	
Major Courses			
MUS 115	Theory I: Voice Leading	4	
MUS 117	Theory II: Diatonic Harmony	4	
MUS 215	Theory III: Chromatic Harmony	4	
MUS 217	Theory IV: Advanced Harmony	4	
MUS 250	Music In World Cultures	3	
MUS 251	Music History I	3	
MUS 252	Music History II	3	
MUS 323	Music History III	3	
MUS 307	Form And Analysis	3	
MUS 497	Capstone Senior Project	1	
MUS electives 300 or 400 level		9	
MUA applied 100 level (two semesters)		2	
MUA applied 200 level (two semesters)		2	
MUA ensembles (four semesters)		4	
MUA 010	Music Convocation (five semesters)	0	
Total Hours		49	

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Grades and Grade Points section of this catalog for an explanation on grade point average calculations.

Upper-level Residency

A minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be earned on this campus.

Ancillary Courses

The music major does not require ancillary courses.

Required Minor

This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements

MUS 121 Intro To Listening does not satisfy the fine arts (FA) general education requirement for music majors. At the beginning of the senior year, the student, in consultation with the music adviser, selects a faculty adviser for the senior project, which is usually a substantial paper on a historical or theoretical topic. The topic and format of the project must be approved by the project adviser. The project must be turned in one month before the last day of classes in the final semester. It will be examined by a faculty committee selected by the project adviser. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, College, major and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers are also available for additional assistance with minor, College and University requirements.

MUA Applied Courses

Students must earn a minimum of four hours and four semesters in a single instrument or voice chosen from the following courses:

Code and Title		Hours
MUA 170 & MUA 270	Harp (Majors) and Harp (Majors)	4
MUA 171 & MUA 271	Piano (Majors) and Piano (Majors)	4
MUA 172 & MUA 272	Organ (Majors) and Organ (Majors)	4
MUA 174 & MUA 274	Voice (Majors) and Voice (Majors)	4
MUA 175 & MUA 275	Violin (Majors) and Violin (Majors)	4
MUA 176 & MUA 276	Viola (Majors) and Viola (Majors)	4
MUA 177 & MUA 277	Cello (Majors) and Cello (Majors)	4
MUA 178 & MUA 278	Double Bass (Majors) and Double Bass (Majors)	4
MUA 179 & MUA 279	Flute (Majors) and Flute (Majors)	4
MUA 180 & MUA 280	Oboe (Majors) and Oboe (Majors)	4
MUA 181 & MUA 281	Bassoon (Majors) and Bassoon (Majors)	4
MUA 182 & MUA 282	Clarinet (Majors) and Clarinet (Majors)	4
MUA 183 & MUA 283	Saxophone (Majors) and Saxophone (Majors)	4
MUA 184 & MUA 284	Trumpet (Majors) and Trumpet (Majors)	4
MUA 185 & MUA 285	French Horn (Majors) and French Horn (Majors)	4

MUA 186 & MUA 286	Trombone (Majors) and Trombone (Majors)	4
MUA 187 & MUA 287	Euphonium (Majors) and Euphonium (Majors)	4
MUA 188 & MUA 288	Tuba (Majors) and Tuba (Majors)	4
MUA 189 & MUA 289	Percussion (Majors) and Percussion (Majors)	4
MUA 190 & MUA 290	Guitar (Majors) and Guitar (Majors)	4

MUA Ensemble Courses

Four semesters of ensemble should be chosen from the following courses:

Code and Title		Hours
MUA 150	Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 250	Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 350	Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 450	Huxford Symphony Orchestra	1
MUA 152	Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 252	Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 352	Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 452	Wind Ensemble	1
MUA 153	Marching Band	1
MUA 253	Marching Band	1
MUA 353	Marching Band	1
MUA 453	Marching Band	1
MUA 154	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 254	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 354	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 454	Symphonic Band	1
MUA 156	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 256	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 356	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 456	Percussion Ensemble	1
MUA 158	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 258	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 358	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 458	Contemporary Ensemble	1
MUA 159	Jazz Ensembles	1
MUA 259	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUA 359	Jazz Ensembles	1
MUA 459	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUA 160	Opera Workshop	1
MUA 260	Opera Workshop	1
MUA 360	Opera Workshop	1
MUA 460	Opera Workshop	1
MUA 161	Opera Production	1
MUA 261	Opera Production	1
MUA 361	Opera Production	1
MUA 461	Opera Production	1
MUA 162	University Chorus	1
MUA 262	University Chorus	1

MUA 362	University Chorus	1
MUA 462	University Chorus	1
MUA 163	University Singers	1
MUA 263	University Singers	1
MUA 363	University Singers	1
MUA 463	University Singers	1
MUA 167	Jazz Combo	1
MUA 267	Jazz Combo	1
MUA 367	Jazz Combo	1
MUA 467	Jazz Combo	1

Types of Jobs Accepted

Completion of this degree program prepares the student for many avenues within the professional world associated with music.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center