MUSIC, BFA: COLLABORATIVE PIANO

The BFA in Music: Collaborative Piano curriculum is one of few such undergraduate programs offered nationwide. It offers training for pianists anticipating careers in vocal accompanying, as well as coaching art song, opera, and musical theatre. Students receive weekly lessons in collaborative piano, as well as solo piano, and piano technique, and participate in rehearsals and performances for the UWM Opera Theatre, Milwaukee Opera Theatre, and UWM choirs.

Requirements

University Core

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General Education Requirements

Competencies

Oral and Written Communication – Part A and Part B  
Quantitative Literacy (QL) – Part A and Part B  
Foreign Language

Distribution Requirements

Humanities

Natural Sciences (Must include one lab)

Social Sciences

Cultural Diversity

Electives

Electives Outside Peck School of the Arts

Electives in Peck School of the Arts

Electives Outside Discipline

Total Credits

Music BFA Requirements

The minimum number of credits required to complete the Bachelor of Fine Arts is 130. Students who need background preparation courses in math, English, foreign language, and chemistry may need additional credits.

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Music Department Competencies

Music Theory

MUSIC 123  Aural Theory I
MUSIC 124  Aural Theory II
MUSIC 127  Materials of Theory I

MUSIC 128  Materials of Theory II
MUSIC 225  Materials of Theory III
MUSIC 226  Aural Theory III
MUSIC 230  Form Analysis

Music History

MUSIC 211  General History of Western Music I
MUSIC 212  General History of Western Music II
MUSIC 307  General History of Western Music III

Convocation

MUSIC 106  Foundations of Music
MUSIC 107  Music Convocation

Total Credits

Collaborative Piano Requirements

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Principal Instrument

MUSPERF 304  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal: (complete 4 semesters)
MUSPERF 404  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal (complete 4 semesters)
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano (complete 8 semesters)

Performing Organizations

Four semesters of one:

MUSIC 44  Women's Chorus
or MUS50  University Men's Choir
or MUS52  University Advanced Women's Choir
or MUS56  Concert Chorale
MUSIC 40  Symphony Band
MUSIC 42  Wind Ensemble
MUSIC 182  Symphony Orchestra
MUSIC 457  Opera Theatre
or MUS370  Chamber Ensemble - Mixed

Music Theory Electives

Choose 3 credits of the following:

MUSIC 220  Introduction to Computers and Music
MUSIC 321  Counterpoint
MUSIC 323  Instrumental and Choral Orchestration
MUSIC 421  Materials of Contemporary Music

Music History Electives

Choose 3 credits of the following:

MUSIC 308  Selected Topics in Music History and Literature:
MUSIC 311  Music of the Baroque Era
MUSIC 312  Music of the Classic Era
MUSIC 313  Music of the Romantic Era
MUSIC 314  Music since 1900

Conducting

MUSIC 353  Conducting

Related Music Requirements

MUSIC 245  Basic and Italian Lyric Diction
MUSIC 246  German and French Lyric Diction
MUSIC 275  Keyboard Performance Repertoire
Plan of Study

Year 1

Fall

Choose one:

MUSIC 44  Women's Chorus
MUSIC 50  University Men's Choir
MUSIC 52  University Advanced Women's Choir
MUSIC 56  Concert Chorale
MUSIC 62  Wind Ensemble
MUSIC 182  Symphony Orchestra
MUSIC 106  Foundations of Music
MUSIC 123  Aural Theory I
MUSIC 127  Materials of Theory I
Electives or Core Curriculum

MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano
MUSPERF 304  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal

Credits 16

Spring

Choose one:

MUSIC 44  Women's Chorus
MUSIC 50  University Men's Choir
MUSIC 52  University Advanced Women's Choir
MUSIC 56  Concert Chorale
MUSIC 62  Wind Ensemble
MUSIC 182  Symphony Orchestra
MUSIC 107  Music Convocation
MUSIC 212  General History of Western Music II
MUSIC 230  Form Analysis
MUSPERF 304  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano

Core Curriculum and Electives

Credits 6

Year 2

Fall

Choose one:

MUSIC 44  Women's Chorus

Credits 1

Spring

MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano

Credits 16

Year 3

Fall

MUSIC 107  Music Convocation
MUSIC 307  General History of Western Music III
Music Theory Elective (choose one):

MUSIC 220  Introduction to Computers and Music
MUSIC 321  Counterpoint
MUSIC 323  Instrumental and Choral Orchestration
MUSIC 421  Materials of Contemporary Music
MUSIC 457  Opera Theatre
or MUSIC 370  Chamber Ensemble - Mixed

MUSPERF 404  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano

Related Music Courses

Credits 1

Spring

MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano

Credits 16

Related Music Courses

Credits 3

MUSIC 245  Basic and Italian Lyric Diction
MUSIC 246  German and French Lyric Diction
MUSIC 275  Keyboard Performance Repertoire
MUSIC 361  Ensemble - Piano
MUSIC 377  Song Literature I: Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain
MUSIC 347  Song Literature II: United States and Select European Countries
MUSIC 680  Special Studies in Music:
100 level instrumental or vocal lessons

Credits 6
MUSIC 276  Keyboard Performance Repertoire
MUSIC 361  Ensemble - Piano
MUSIC 377  Song Literature I: Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain
MUSIC 378  Song Literature II: United States and Select European Countries

100 level instrumental or vocal lessons

MUSIC 457  Opera Theatre or Chamber Ensemble - Mixed
or MUSIC 370  Junior Recital
MUSPERF 404  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano
Choose one:

MUSIC 308  Selected Topics in Music History and Literature:
MUSIC 310  Introduction to World Musics
MUSIC 311  Music of the Baroque Era
MUSIC 312  Music of the Classic Era
MUSIC 313  Music of the Romantic Era
MUSIC 314  Music since 1900

Electives or Core Curriculum 6

Credits 16

Year 4
Fall
MUSIC 310  Introduction to World Musics 3
MUSIC 353  Conducting 2
MUSIC 457  Opera Theatre or Chamber Ensemble - Mixed
or MUSIC 370  Junior Recital
MUSPERF 404  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal 2
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano 1
Electives or Core Curriculum 8

Credits 17

Spring
MUSIC 107  Music Convocation 0
MUSIC 457  Opera Theatre or Chamber Ensemble - Mixed
MUSIC 660  Senior Recital: 2
MUSPERF 404  Lessons in Collaborative Piano-Vocal 2
MUSPERF 501  Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano 1
Related Music Courses: 5

MUSIC 245  Basic and Italian Lyric Diction
MUSIC 246  German and French Lyric Diction
MUSIC 275  Keyboard Performance Repertoire
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MUSIC 361  Ensemble - Piano
MUSIC 377  Song Literature I: Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain
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MUSIC 680  Special Studies in Music:

100 level instrumental or vocal lessons
Electives or Core Curriculum 5

Credits 16

Total Credits 130

Undergraduate Admission and Audition Procedures

Throughout the year, the Music Department schedules new student audition days (http://uwm.edu/arts/apply). In addition to meeting the general University admission requirements, a prospective Music degree candidate must successfully complete an audition in his or her primary performance area (Principal Instrument), and take a music theory and piano placement exam. Composition majors must submit original works as a Composition Portfolio to the Composition faculty for consideration. In certain degree programs, students must successfully pass an audition on a secondary instrument as required. The Music Minor Audition process for lessons: a student can audition either a scheduled audition day, at ensemble auditions, or with area heads and be admitted to lessons at the discretion of the instructor and area head.

Pre-Music Education majors must audition for the certification program with the Music Education Area, while enrolled in MUS ED 350, preferably in their fourth semester.

Students accepted through auditions who lack basic aural, theory, and/or keyboard skills must successfully complete MUSIC 1 and/or MUSPERF 1 in their first year of study. A final grade of B or higher is required to enroll in the subsequent Music Theory and Piano courses.

Theory & Piano Placement Exams

All new freshmen are required to take Theory and Piano Placement exams (https://tinyurl.com yc9m9rf5) on the day of their audition. Those with prior piano experience must perform a short composition that best demonstrates their keyboard skills.

Transfer Students

All transfer students must audition on their principal instrument, be accepted by the faculty in their course of study, and take placement exams in Music Theory and Piano. Transfer students must enroll in the level of Music Theory recommended by the Theory Area. Undergraduate transfer students who have completed two years at another university, college, or junior college may not be able to graduate with only two years of study at UWM. Students transferring from another Music Education program should contact the Chair of the Music Education area prior to audition.

Music Admission Application

To be eligible for acceptance into any Music program, students must first complete a successful audition. Please submit all application materials at least 2 weeks prior to audition date. To schedule an audition or request more information, please email music-admission@uwm.edu. Students interested in department level scholarships must audition by March 1 for priority consideration.

Statement of Intent

Upload a 100-word statement describing your desired musical career and how studying at UWM will help prepare you.

Audition

All BA and BFA degree programs require an audition on principal instrument or voice. See Undergraduate Audition Requirements (http://uwm.edu/arts/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/01/ Music-Undergraduate-Audition-Requirements.pdf) for more information. Auditioning students will attend an orientation, a Department of Music student convocation, and take music theory and piano placement exams. The typical audition day starts at 8:30AM and ends around 2PM. Parents are encouraged to attend. Presentations from Financial Aid, Norris Health Service, and University Housing will be offered.

Provisional

Students declared Provisional at the time of auditions could achieve Music major status based on the successful Jury performance at the end of the first semester. Students not performing a successful first semester jury will not be allowed to continue as a Music major and will be dropped.
from the Music department. Provisional students must take all required first-semester Music courses during the provisional semester.

Probation
A Music major who has a studio performance grade of C or lower for two consecutive semesters may be placed on Music Department Probation. (2.75 GPA is required for continuation in the Music Education degree program.) Cleared Probation: Either re-audition or a passing grade for the performance lessons and final Jury is attained during the semester of probation and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.

Not Accepted
Prospective students not accepted at their initial audition are allowed one additional audition opportunity.

Re-Audition
Required after an absence of two consecutive semesters from the UWM Music Department as a Music major actively progressing toward degree. The returning student must successfully re-audition in their principal area. The Music Education major must re-audition in their principal area and re-interview with the Music Education faculty.

Degree Requirements
All Music curricula for the BFA require 125-130 credits, distributed as follows: music courses as specified in each curriculum: 75-80 credits; core curriculum: 45 credits; general electives: 0-9 credits. The BA in Music requires 120 credits, distributed as follows: music courses, 48 credits; core curriculum, 45 credits; general electives, 27 credits.

Performance Ensemble Requirement
All Music majors are required to participate in performing organizations during the course of their study. All Performance and Music Education majors must be registered in an approved major performing organization concurrent with each semester of private study. The director of bands, the director of choral activities, and the director of orchestras make ensemble assignments at the beginning of each semester. Only one approved ensemble credit per semester can apply toward degree requirements. For the purpose of fulfilling the Performance Ensemble requirement, the Department of Music recognizes the following approved major performing ensembles: University Advanced Women’s Choir, Concert Chorale, Women’s Chorus, University Men’s Chorus, University Band, Symphony Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, and University Community Orchestra. (Other performance ensembles may be approved in certain degree programs; see individual degree programs below for specific requirements in each area.)

Performance Ensemble Requirement for Transfer Students
Credits from an accredited college/university for performing organizations may be granted as follows:

- All transfer students to UWM, regardless of entry level, must take at least two semesters of an approved major performing organization. The performing organization must conform to the individual degree requirements: instrumentalists take band or orchestra, vocalists take choral ensembles;
- Entering sophomores with 30 or more earned credits may only transfer up to two completed semesters of an approved performing organization from another university; and
- Entering juniors with 60 or more earned credits may only transfer up to four completed semesters of an approved performing organization from another university.

Recital Attendance and Music Convocation Requirements
All Music majors must attend weekly Music Convocation meetings for a minimum of five semesters. All students entering the Music Department as freshmen are required to take one semester of MUSIC 106 during their freshman year.

All Music majors, excluding transfer students and second degree candidates, must earn 80 recital attendance credits for graduation. This requirement may be met by attending:

- Campus recitals (one attendance credit per recital),
- Weekly departmental Music Convocation (five attendance credits per semester), and
- Off-campus recitals (one attendance credit per recital to a maximum of three per semester).

Transfer students and second degree candidates must earn 10 recital credits (including weekly Music Convocation) for each semester on the UWM campus, to a total of 80, or until the completion of the degree.

Music Performance Course Enrollment Requirements
The study of music performance in private lessons, master classes, and seminars is governed by four special conditions:

- Performance courses (lessons) cannot be dropped after the second week of each semester;
- Eligibility for undergraduate Music major private lessons requires a minimum of 4 credits in Music Department courses. Only one ensemble credit can be applied to the 4-credit minimum;
- All Music majors are required to enroll in an approved ensemble concurrent with each semester of Performance lessons; and
- Students enrolled in Music Performance lessons at the 200 level or above must enroll in the appropriate Performance Master Class. Music Education Majors are not required to take Performance Master Class, but may enroll in Performance Master Class as music electives.

Music Theory and History Requirements
The Music Theory core comprises a three-semester sequence of Materials of Theory concurrently with three semesters of Aural Theory. This is followed by a semester of Form Analysis. The Music History core comprises a three-semester sequence of the General History of Western Music. Additional Music Theory and Music History courses are required in all Music degree programs. See individual programs for details.

Laptop Requirement
Music students in all areas will be encouraged to have a laptop computer during their course of study in the department. Students in the BFA Music Composition and Technology program will be required to have a laptop computer once they are admitted. Please see requirements posted on the PSOA Laptop Requirement web page: uwm.edu/arts/apply/laptop/ (http://uwm.edu/arts/apply/laptop).

Advising
Location: Theatre 120
Hours: 9AM-4PM Monday through Thursday, 9AM-2PM Fridays
Academic advising is an important aspect of long-term academic success. At the Peck School of the Arts, we offer professional academic advising in the following undergraduate disciplines: art, dance, film, music, and theatre.

Advisors provide students with individualized advising to assist them in areas such as: degree requirements, major options, course selection, campus resources, college success strategies, graduation assessment, academic policies and procedures, etc.

For more information on Peck School of the Arts advising, please visit http://uwm.edu/arts/advising/.

**Honors in the Major**

Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a GPA of 3.500 or greater in the major and the academic department’s recommendation.

High Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or greater and the academic department’s recommendation.

Departmental Honors are granted to students recommended by their academic department for Honors excellence in performance not reflected in the GPA.

Dean’s Honors are granted to students with major achievements in one or more of the arts.

**Honors in the Peck School of the Arts**

**Dean's Honor List**

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student’s GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

**Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis**

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college) section of this site.

**Commencement Honors**

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is not rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

**Final Honors**

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.