MUSIC, BFA: PIANO

Our competitive performance programs are led by renowned performing artist faculty. Located within the cultural capital of Wisconsin, students regularly receive invitations to perform both as soloists and chamber musicians in the greater Milwaukee community while earning their degree!

Requirements

**University Core**

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**Compencies**

- Oral and Written Communication – Part A and Part B $^{2,3}$
- Quantitative Literacy (QL) – Part A and Part B $^{2,3}$
- Foreign Language $^2$

**Distribution Requirements** $^1$

- Humanities: 6
- Natural Sciences (Must include one lab): 6
- Social Sciences: 6
- Cultural Diversity $^2$: 2

**Electives**

- Electives Outside Peck School of the Arts: 12
- Electives in Peck School of the Arts: 12
- Electives Outside Discipline: 3

Total Credits: 45

$^1$ See General Education Requirements (http://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#generaleducationtext) for more information.

$^2$ Credits may be utilized in required curriculum areas.

$^3$ OWC Part A and QL Part A should be completed within the first two semesters of pursuing a Music program.

$^4$ 9 credits are required in 3 of the 4 other departments in PSOA, outside of the student’s discipline: Art and Design, Dance, Music, Theatre, or Film, Video, Animation, and New Genres.

Music BFA Requirements

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<td>Theory Fundamentals</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Piano:</td>
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<td>MUSIC 123</td>
<td>Aural Theory I</td>
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Music Department Competencies

- MUSIC 307 | General History of Western Music III | 3
- Convocation $^6$ | 5
- MUSIC 106 | Foundations of Music | 0
- MUSIC 107 | Music Convocation | 0

**Piano Requirements**

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<td>MUSPERF 501</td>
<td>Master Class in Keyboard Instruments, Piano (enroll in this course every semester for 1 credit)</td>
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**Performing Organizations** $^6$ | 6

**Accompanying** $^7$ | 4

**Music History Electives**

Complete one of the following:

- MUSIC 308 | Selected Topics in Music History and Literature: | 3
- MUSIC 311 | Music of the Baroque Era | 3
- MUSIC 312 | Music of the Classic Era | 3
- MUSIC 313 | Music of the Romantic Era | 3
- MUSIC 314 | Music since 1900 | 3

**Recital**

- MUSIC 659 | Junior Recital | 0
- MUSIC 660 | Senior Recital: | 2

**Music Electives** | 6

**General Electives** | 5

May be taken from any area of the University (including Music) to fulfill requirements

$^5$ Music Performance Class is required with lessons each semester. MusPerf 3XX Principal Instrument (4 semesters minimum; 2 credits each semester) and MusPerf 4XX Principal Instrument (4 semesters minimum; 2 credits each semester).

$^6$ Music XXX Choral Ensemble (2 semesters) and Music XXX (any ensemble with Piano faculty consent; complete 4 credits at 1 credit per semester)

$^7$ Enroll in 2 credits of MUSIC 259 for 2 semesters

$^8$ Complete two credits of each: MUSIC 275 and MUSIC 276
MusPerf 4XX  
MUSIC 259  
MUSIC 107  
Fall  
Electives or Core Curriculum  
Credits 10  

Spring  
MUSIC 107  
MUSIC 124  
MUSIC 128  
MusPerf 3XX  
Performance Ensemble  
Electives or Core Curriculum  
Credits 16  

Year 2  
Fall  
MUSIC 107  
MUSIC 211  
MUSIC 225  
MUSIC 226  
MusPerf 3XX  
Performance Ensemble  
Electives and Core Curriculum  
Credits 7  

Spring  
MUSIC 107  
MUSIC 212  
MUSIC 230  
MusPerf 3XX  
Performance Ensemble  
Electives or Core Curriculum  
Credits 7  

Year 3  
Fall  
MUSIC 107  
MUSIC 259  
MUSIC 275  
MUSIC 307  
MUSIC 353  
MusPerf 4XX  
Performance Ensemble  
Electives or Core Curriculum  
Credits 6  

Spring  
MUSIC 107  
MUSIC 276  
MUSIC 323  
MUSIC 659  
Performance Ensemble  
MusPerf 4XX  
Electives or Core Curriculum  
Credits 6  

Year 4  
Fall  
MUSIC 259  
MusPerf 4XX  

Performance Ensemble: Piano majors are required to enroll in a minimum of 6 semesters of ensemble with a minimum of 2 semesters in a choral ensemble and 4 semesters in any ensemble with iani or oragn instructor consent.

Performance Master Class: 8 semesters at 1 credit is required as part of your individual lesson obligation.

0 Credit Courses: A 1 credit fee will be assessed by the University if a student's course load is less than 12 or greater than 18 credits.

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/yec9m9rf5) 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
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 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).

Location: Theatre 120
Hours: 9AM-4PM Monday through Thursday, 9AM-2PM Fridays (closed on university holidays)
Contact: (414) 229-4763

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 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. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. 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.