Music, BFA: Versatile Voice

The market for professional singers is changing—opera singers are performing in musicals, Broadway performers are singing operas, and pop singer training is improving dramatically. UWM is out in front of these changes with our BFA: Versatile Voice, a program that is broad enough to cover many genres and flexible enough to reflect each student’s interest.

Requirements

University Core

General Education Requirements 1

Competencies

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

Electives

Electives Outside Peck School of the Arts 12
Electives in Peck School of the Arts 4 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

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.

Music Department Competencies

Music Theory 14

Music Theory Electives

Complete 4-8 credits:

Choose up to 4 credits of the following:

Choose one of the following:

Versatile Voice Requirements

Code Title Credits
MUSIC 226 Aural Theory III 9
MUSIC 230 Form Analysis

Music History

Code Title Credits
MUSIC 211 General History of Western Music I 9
MUSIC 212 General History of Western Music II
MUSIC 307 General History of Western Music III

Convocation 6

Code Title Credits
MUSIC 106 Foundations of Music
MUSIC 107 Music Convocation

Total Credits 23

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Code Title Credits
MUSIC 1 Theory Fundamentals
MUSPERF 1 Fundamentals of Piano:

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 604 Business for Performing Artists 3
DANCE 111 Ballet I 3
or DANCE 115 Jazz Dance I
DANCE 321 Alexander Technique for the Performer 3
DANCE 327 Dance for the Musical Theatre I 3
MUSIC 245 Basic and Italian Lyric Diction 1
MUSIC 246 German and French Lyric Diction 1
MUSIC 310 Introduction to World Musics 3
MUSIC 444 Vocal Pedagogy I 2
MUSIC 457 Opera Theatre 0-3
MUSIC 520 Voice Performance in Popular Music Styles 2
THEATRE 101 Acting for Non-majors 3
THEATRE 230 Acting 2: Text and Performance 3
THEATRE 408 Acting in Musical Theatre 3

Principal Instrument 16

MUSPERF 311 Lessons in Voice
MUSPERF 411 Lessons in Voice

Performance Master Class 8

MUSPERF 511 Master Class in Voice

Foreign Language Requirement

ITALIAN 103 First-Semester Italian 4

Lessons in Piano 2

MUSPERF 101 Lessons in Piano

Performing Ensemble 2 8

Complete 4-8 credits:

MUSIC 44 Alta Voce Singers
MUSIC 50 Kameraden Chorus
MUSIC 52 Bella Voce
MUSIC 56 Concert Chorale

Choose up to 4 credits of the following:

MUSIC 62 University Community Gospel Choir
MUSIC 457 Opera Theatre
THEATRE 475 Rehearsal and Performance:

Music Theory Electives 3

Choose one of the following:

MUSIC 220 Introduction to Computers and Music
MUSIC 321 Counterpoint
MUSIC 323 Instrumental and Choral Orchestration
accepted by the faculty in their course of study, and take placement
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demonstrates their keyboard skills.
All new freshmen are required to take Theory & Piano Placement exams
in the subsequent Music Theory and Piano courses.

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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.

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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;
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 page: [uwm.edu/arts/apply/laptop/](http://uwm.edu/arts/apply/laptop/).

**Advising**
Location: Theatre 120  
Reception Hours: 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday  
(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/](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 College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction**
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.