

2017 - 2018 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Music - Composition Major

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.
** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*
Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	Literature	Transfer Guide
Language & Culture I (French, German or Italian is strongly recommended)	Transfer Guide	Language & Culture I (French, German or Italian is strongly recommended)	Transfer Guide
Mathematics	Transfer Guide	Human Creativity (May not use MUSC 264A)	Transfer Guide
MUSC 101 (1 credit)		MUSC 102 (1 credit)	
MUSC 221 (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 222 (Grade of C or better required)	
MUSC 223 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 224 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)	
MUSC 261 (1 credit)		MUSC 262 (1 credit)	
YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (34 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112 or 210*	Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide
Information Literacy and Research	Transfer Guide	Human Behavior	Transfer Guide
The Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	The Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
MUSA 139 (1 credit)		MUSA 140 (1 credit)	
MUSA 232		MUSC 322 (2 credits) (Grade of C- or better required)	
MUSC 321 (2 credits)(Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 324 (1 credit)(Grade of C- or better required)	
MUSC 323 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 335T (satisfies Impact of Technology)	
YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (32 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
Interpreting the Past	Transfer Guide	<u>Major Coursework:</u>	
<u>Major Coursework:</u>		MUSA 142 (2 credits)	
MUSA 141 (2 credits)		MUSC 309 (1 credit)	
MUSA 331		MUSA 332	
MUSC 361 (Grade of C- or better required)		MUSC 336	
MUSC 421 (2 credits)		MUSC 362W (Grade of C or better required)	
Select One: MUSC 460, 491, 492 or 494		MUSC 422 (2 credits)	
		MUSC 424 (2 credits)	
YEAR 4 - SENIOR (29 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
<u>Major Coursework:</u>		<u>Major Coursework:</u>	
MUSA 241 (2 credits)		MUSA 242 (2 credits)	
MUSA 431		MUSA 432	
MUSC 414 (2 credits)		Select One: MUSC 460, 491, 492 or 494	
MUSC 466		Small Ensemble (2 credits)***	
Large Ensemble**		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u>	
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PLEASE NOTE: All composition majors are required to attend 60 Blue Card events in order to be eligible for graduation. These department-approved events are posted each semester. Eight of the 60 Blue Cards required for graduation must be Diehn Series concerts. Students may not graduate without fulfilling this requirement. It is strongly recommended that a student attend a minimum of two Diehn concerts per year to meet this goal.

Each student in composition will be required to pass a piano proficiency exam before being allowed to enroll as a composition major.

Composition majors are required to present a lecture-recital containing 30 minutes of original music.

***Students are required to earn credits through participating in ensembles appropriate to their specialities.*

****Madrigal Singers, Collegium Musicum, opera workshop, jazz choir, and jazz, brass, percussion, guitar, string, woodwind, or piano ensemble.*

*****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by several options. Consult your catalog and advisor for your best option.*

NOTE: Transfer students are encouraged to use their summer semesters to ensure graduation in four years.

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.