

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Music

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 (29 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (14 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	Literature	Transfer Guide
FR or GER 101F	FRE 101 or GER 101*	FR or GER 102F	FRE 102 or GER 102*
Mathematical Skills	Transfer Guide	Human Creativity (May not use MUSC 264A or 126A)	Transfer Guide
MUSC 150 & 160 (2 credits)		MUSC 222 (Grade of C or better required)	
MUSC 221 (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 224 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)	
MUSC 223 (1 credit) (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 266 (1 credit)	
Applied Music (1 credit)		Applied Music (1 credit)	
MUSC 311+		MUSC 311+	
YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (34-35 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (17-18 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112, 113, 115, 131*	Information Literacy and Research	Transfer Guide
FR or GER 201	FRE 201, 203 / GER 201, 203*	FR or GER 202	FRE 202, 204 / GER 202*
Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide	Human Behavior	Transfer Guide
Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
Applied Music (1 credit)		Applied Music (1 credit)	
MUSC 321 (Grade of C or better required)		Music Theory Electives (Grade of C- or better required)	
MUSC 323 (Grade of C or better required)		MUSC 311+	
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YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (31 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
Interpreting the Past	Transfer Guide	MUSC 309 (1 credit)	
MUSC 361 (Grade of C- or better required)		MUSC 335T (satisfies Impact of Technology)	
Emphasis Area Course		MUSC 362W (Grade of C or better required)	
Emphasis Area Course		Emphasis Area Course	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u>		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u>	
300-/400-level course in minor subject		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
MUSC 311+		MUSC 311+	
		Oral Communication	Transfer Guide
YEAR 4 - SENIOR (26 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (14 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (12 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
<u>Major Coursework:</u>		<u>Major Coursework:</u>	
Ensemble*** (1 credit)		Ensemble*** (1 credit)	
Emphasis Area Course		Emphasis Area Course	
Emphasis Area Course		Upper-Level Music Electives (4 credits)	
Upper-Level Music Electives (4 credits)		<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u>	
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:****</u>		300-/400-level course in minor subject	
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***Students are required to earn credits through participating in ensembles appropriate to their specialties. Instrumental and voice and keyboard majors will be required to participate in two ensembles, large or small. Additional credits for participation in ensembles can be used as elective credit.

Large ensembles include: symphonic band, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, concert choir, and guitar ensemble.

Small ensembles include: Madrigal Singers, Collegium Musicum, Opera and Musical Theater Production and Performance, brass choir, clarinet choir, flute choir, jazz choir, jazz orchestra, and brass, woodwind, percussion, guitar, string, or piano ensembles. Small ensemble offerings are updated on occasion; check the class schedule for the latest ensemble availability.

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

*****See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor for correct elective choices.

PLEASE NOTE: All Bachelor of Arts in Music majors are required to enroll in and pass MUSC 311+, the zero credit Recital Attendance class, for a total of six semesters in order to be eligible for graduation. Also, students must earn Usher Credit by ushering at a total of six approved events to be eligible for graduation. Refer to the MUSC 311+ syllabus and the Music Student Handbook for complete information.

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.

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

This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.