

2025 - 2026 Old Dominion University Catalog

Bachelor of Music (BM) Music with Major in Performance

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 (28-34 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (13-16 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (15-18 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	Mathematical Skills	Transfer Guide
Language & Culture I (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Guide	Language & Culture II (May be waived, see catalog for details)	Transfer Guide
Music Major Courses**		Human Creativity (May not use MUSC 264A or 126A)	Transfer Guide
		Music Major Courses**	
YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (33-34 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16-17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112, 113, 115, 131*	Literature	Transfer Guide
Interpreting the Past	Transfer Guide	Music Major Courses**	
Music Major Courses**			
YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (28 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (13 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
Oral Communication	Transfer Guide	Music Major Courses**	
Music Major Courses**			
YEAR 4 - SENIOR (31-32 CREDITS)			
FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>	SPRING SEMESTER (16-17 credits)	<u>VCCS Equivalency:</u>
Human Behavior	Transfer Guide	Information Literacy and Research	Transfer Guide
Music Major Courses**		Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide
<u>Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:</u> ***		<u>Music Major Courses</u> **	
300-/400-level Option D course		Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:***	
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		Electives (as needed)	

****Consult with Advisor, Degree Works and the catalog. Students must select the following concentrations: Orchestral Instruments, Voice, Piano, Organ, Harpsichord, or Guitar. Please consult your catalog and advisor for correct coursework. Voice concentration students must take 101F-102F in a foreign language other than that used to satisfy lower division General Education (French, German or Italian strongly recommended).**

*****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.

Students are required to earn credits through participating in ensembles appropriate to their specialties. Instrumental and voice majors will be required to participate in four semesters of large ensemble and four semesters of small ensemble. Keyboard majors will have a six-semester requirement, of which two must be in large ensemble and two in small ensemble. Large ensembles include: symphony band, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, concert choir and guitar ensemble. Small ensembles include: Madrigal Singers, Collegium Musicum, opera workshop, jazz choir, jazz orchestra, and brass, percussion, guitar, string, woodwind, or piano ensemble.

PLEASE NOTE: All Bachelor of Music, Performance 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.

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.