BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) MUSIC

Creative, inquisitive, and unique. The BA program is an excellent degree for those wanting to explore music in a self-directed fashion. Explore the significance of music as an art and practice in society. Non-auditioned admission.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY MUSIC

1. Access to award-winning teachers, global researchers, and renowned performers in a warm, close-knit academic community.
2. Be totally immersed in music, with over 100 department events every year, including guest lectures, workshops, and concerts.
3. Study abroad at a Faculty of Arts partner institution or at an established summer music program, such as the department’s West African Music, Dance, Society and Culture program in Ghana.
4. Explore a double major in Media Studies, Modern Language and Cultural Studies, or any Arts discipline.
5. Gain professional experience, make connections, and explore work options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MUSIC DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... composer, performer, video game designer, sound designer, music archivist, arts and cultural administrator, music journalist, or music therapist.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE


CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Music theory
- Music history
- World music
- Composition and sonic arts

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

MUSIC MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- A major in Music requires a minimum of 10 courses to a maximum of 16 courses at the senior level and must include a minimum of two courses at the 400-level.
- Take these courses in your early degree because they are pre-requisites for many senior level courses:
  - MUSIC 101 - Introduction to Western Art Music
  - MUSIC 102 - Introduction to World Music
  - MUSIC 103 - Introduction to Popular Music
  - MUSIC 155 - Music Theory I
  - MUSIC 156 - Music Theory II
  - MUSIC 170 - Introduction to Composition, and Sonic Arts

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports

- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

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BA MUSIC DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

GAIN EXPERIENCE

SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS

NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

Take your two required Language Other than English courses.

Explore courses in Music and in other fields.

Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or get a summer or part-time job. Reflect on what you’re learning and practise self-care.

Apply to Arts Work Experience to strengthen your technical and transferrable skills and gain paid, professional experience before you graduate.

Apply your academic knowledge, and build your network through programs like the Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

Join a club, team, or the Music Students’ Association.

Learn about them at the Arts Expo.

MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

Add another major, minor, or Certificate. Learn about them at the Arts Expo.

Try a senior-level seminar in World Music.

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps, such as graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

Ask two or three professors to be academic references.

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps, such as graduate studies, professional programs, or employment.

Participate in a Department of Music global opportunity.

Stay on track to graduate: Complete a Program Check on Bear Tracks.