

MUSIC, AREA OF CONCENTRATION IN ARTS & SCIENCES (AA)

Area of Concentration in Arts & Sciences

Award: Associate of Arts Degree

No. of credits required: 60

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Program Description

This program provides a variety of opportunities and courses for students who wish to study music either as preparation for a profession in one of many career fields or for personal enrichment.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the Associate of Arts, Area of Concentration in Music degree students will be able to:

1. Successfully transfer to a four-year institution.
2. Perform on a major instrument or voice with an evolved and informed aesthetic.
3. Evaluate historical perspectives of music.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in theoretical concepts.

Transfer Information

Although this program meets the first two years of requirements for music majors at most Maryland colleges, students who plan to transfer should check the requirements of the receiving institution. To facilitate transfer, students should consult with the music faculty early in their studies at HCC.

Employment Information

Music students have several career options in addition to teaching and performance careers, particularly if they combine their music major with courses in another field. There are employment possibilities in therapy, music management, booking agencies, sales, television, music libraries, recording and sound engineering, as well as digital/multimedia. See also the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report for musicians and singers (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/entertainment-and-sports/musicians-and-singers.htm>) as well as music directors and composers (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/entertainment-and-sports/music-directors-and-composers.htm>).

Field Trip Statement

Courses in this program may require field trips.

Degree Requirements

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester		Credits
MUS 103	Music Theory I	4
MUS 201	The Art of Listening I (GAH) (D)	3
Applied Music ¹		1

Music Ensemble ²		1
General Elective ³		3
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)	3
Credits		15
Second Semester		
MUS 104	Music Theory II	4
MUS 202	The Art of Listening II (GAH) (D)	3
MUS 215	Introduction to Electronic Music	3
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ²		1
Mathematics Elective (GM) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#mathematics)		3
Credits		15
Third Semester		
MUS 203	Music Theory III	4
MUS 275	Applied Music Keyboard Theory	1
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ⁴		1
Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#behavioral-social-science)		3
Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#biological-physical-laboratory-science)		4
Physical Education Elective		1
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		
MUS 204	Music Theory IV	4
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ⁴		1
Select one of the following: ⁵		3
MUS 216	World Music (GAH) (D)	
MUS 222	Popular Music of the United States (GAH) (D)	
MUS 223	Listening to Jazz (GAH) (D)	
Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#science)		3
Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB) (https://catalog.harford.edu/general-education/#behavioral-social-science) ³		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

¹ Choose from MUS 127 Applied Music: Commercial Voice I - MUS 166 Applied Music: Electric Guitar IV or MUS 227 Applied Music: Commercial Voice V - MUS 266 Applied Music: Electric Guitar VIII.

² Choose from MUS 105 Chorus I-MUS 114 Percussion Ensemble II or MUS 118 Popular Music Vocal Ensemble I-MUS 121 Orchestra II or MUS 124 Vocal Performance Workshop I-MUS 125 Vocal Performance Workshop II or MUS 185 Classical Guitar Ensemble I-MUS 188 Chamber Music Ensemble II

³ Students preparing to transfer to a 4-year Music Education program should take EDUC 101 Introduction to Education: Early Childhood through Secondary as their first-semester General Elective and PSY 101 General Psychology (GB) as their fourth-semester Behavioral/Social

Science Elective. (Students may also take EDUC 217 Introduction to Special Education in addition to the above classes if they seek more experience in the classroom.)

⁴ Choose from MUS 205 Chorus III-MUS 214 Percussion Ensemble IV or MUS 218 Popular Music Vocal Ensemble III-MUS 221 Orchestra IV or MUS 224 Vocal Performance Workshop III-MUS 225 Vocal Performance Workshop IV or MUS 285 Classical Guitar Ensemble III-MUS 288 Chamber Music Ensemble IV

⁵ As advised for transfer or your personal interest.

General Education Degree Requirements

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

Behavioral/Social Science (GB)

English Composition (GE)

Arts/Humanities (GAH)

Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues (GI)

Biological/Physical Laboratory Science (GL)

Mathematics (GM)

Biological/Physical Science (GS)

Part-Time Progression Plan

The part-time progression plan for programs of study has been developed as a helpful example for students to guide their academic journey. This plan outlines a likely sequence of courses and milestones over three years to help students visualize their academic path. It is important to note that this progression plan is based solely on the core requirements outlined in the approved program of study and does not include any additional requirements. Each student's experience may vary based on their specific interests, course availability, and academic history. Therefore, students are encouraged to work closely with their academic advisor.

Recommended Part-Time Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Semester		
MUS 103	Music Theory I	4
MUS 201	The Art of Listening I (GAH)	3
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ²		1
Credits		9
Second Semester		
MUS 104	Music Theory II	4
MUS 202	The Art of Listening II (GAH)	3
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ²		1
Credits		9
Third Semester		
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)	3
Select a Mathematics Elective (GM): ³		3-4
MATH 101	College Algebra (GM)	
MATH 102	Contemporary Mathematics (GM)	
MATH 216	Introduction to Statistics (GM)	
Credits		6-7

Second Year

First Semester

MUS 203	Music Theory III	4
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ²		1
Select a Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB):		3
PSY 101	General Psychology (GB) ⁴	
HIST 102	History of Western Civilization II (GB)	
HIST 104	History of the United States II (GB) (GAH)	
Credits		9

Second Semester

MUS 204	Music Theory IV	4
Applied Music ¹		1
Music Ensemble ⁵		1
Select a Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB):		3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GB)	
GEOG 102	Human Geography (GB)	
HIST 101	History of Western Civilization I (GB)	
Credits		9

Third Semester

Select Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS):		3
ENV 111	Introduction to Environmental Science (GS)	
ASTR 151	Introduction to Astronomy (GS)	
BIO 109	Human Genetics (GS)	
Physical Education Elective		1
Credits		4

Third Year

First Semester

General Elective ⁴		3
MUS 215	Introduction to Electronic Music	3
MUS 275	Applied Music Keyboard Theory	1
Credits		7

Second Semester

Select one of the following:		3
MUS 216	World Music (GAH)	
MUS 222	Popular Music of the United States (GAH)	
MUS 223	Listening to Jazz (GAH)	
Select a Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL):		4
BIO 100	Fundamentals of Biology (GL)	
ES 105	Earth Science (GS)	
& ES 106	and Earth Science Laboratory (GL)	
ASTR 151	Introduction to Astronomy (GS)	
& ASTR 152	and Sky and Telescope Laboratory (GL) ⁶	
Credits		7
Total Credits		60-61

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- ³ Students who select a four-credit mathematics general education course should consult their advisor about a possible one-credit waiver where applicable.
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- Mathematics (GM)
- Biological/Physical Science (GS)