Music-BA **THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND** FALL 2026-SPRING 2027

Music Option
120 Credits Total
38-53 Credits in Major

ABOUT THE BA DEGREE MUSIC OPTION:

The BA in Music combines a program of performance, history and theory with more in-depth study in the liberal arts, while the BM provides more intensive training in music. The Music BA has three areas of concentration: Music – with a focus on music performance, history, and theory; Music History and Literature – with a focus on musicology; and Jazz Studies – with focus on jazz performance, history, theory, improvisation and cultural aspects.

STEP 1:

Major Requirements:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
MUS 119		1	
MUS 115		1	
MUS 116		3	
MUS 117		1	
MUS 118		3	
MUS 215		1	
MUS 216		3	
MUS 217		1	
MUS 218		3	
MUS 220		3	
MUS 222		3	
MUS 322 **Or upper-level Music History**		3	
MUS 367		3	
8 credits in Applied Music			
MUS 210 A-U		2	
MUS 210 A-U		2	
MUS 210 A-U		2	
MUS 210 A-U		2	
Major Ensembles-3 Semesters, 1 credit per semester from: MUS 291, 292, 293, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398G			
MUS _____		1	
MUS _____		1	
MUS _____		1	
MUS 300- Music Convocation: Minimum 7 semesters at 0 credits per semester			
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	
MUS 300		0	

30 credits at the 300-level or higher
(major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

Course	Credits	Course	Credits

Elective Credits

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
The Music Department strongly recommends that students take an additional 13 credits in MUS electives, 6 of which should be upper-division. Students deficient in keyboard skills must take MUS 171 for 1 credit.			
Students pursuing a BA in Music must complete a minimum of 30 credits in non-Music courses.			

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.

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GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

STEP 2:

General Education Credit Count				
At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code.				
Course	**Cr.**		**Course**	**Cr.**
			Total Gen Ed credits	40

STEP 3:

General Education Outcome Audit	
	Course
KNOWLEDGE	
A1. STEM	
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences	
A3. Humanities	
A4. Arts & Design	
COMPETENCIES	
B1. Write effectively	
B2. Communicate effectively	
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or computational strategies	
B4. Information literacy	
RESPONSIBILITIES	
C1. Civic knowledge & responsibilities	
C2. Global responsibilities	
C3. Diversity and Inclusion	
INTEGRATE & APPLY	
D1. Ability to synthesize	
GRAND CHALLENGE	
G. Check that at least one course of your 40 credits is an approved "G" course	

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

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