

MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.M.), COMPOSITION CONCENTRATION

The Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Composition Concentration is a professional undergraduate degree program designed to prepare students to compose original music for various genres, including symphonic works, chamber music, electronic music, and media music. Coursework emphasizes comprehensive musicianship throughout the curriculum with emphasis on individualized study in music composition.

Students receive six semesters of applied composition lessons and specialized training in arranging, orchestration, electronic music production, and music analysis. The degree culminates with a student composition recital and the completion of a senior thesis in the form of a major work for orchestra or another large ensemble.

Concentration-Level Learning Objectives

1. Compose original music in a style consistent with current trends in contemporary art music and related fields, including music for visual media.
2. Score music that is effective for the performing media employed in the student's compositions, including but not limited to solo and chamber music, music for standard large ensembles such as orchestra, chorus, and wind ensemble, and electronic/electroacoustic works.
3. Produce musical scores in keeping with current professional standards and demonstrate an understanding of traditional and contemporary notation practice.
4. Produce fully realized performances and/or recordings of original compositions for various media and/or performers.
5. Demonstrated competency using music technology including digital audio workstations, music notation software, MIDI applications, and recording/live audio hardware.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the rights and responsibilities a composer has in the performance, publication, and distribution of his/her works including intellectual property rights for musicians.

Please review the common B.M. Program-Level Learning Objectives.

Music Auditions

Prospective CSU Students: In addition to applying to CSU through the Office of Admissions, a successful audition with CSU Music faculty is required for entrance into the B.M. concentrations. Please visit the music website for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

Current CSU Students: To change your major to music, you may call the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance at (970) 491-5891 or email smttd@colostate.edu (cla_advising@colostate.edu). Current CSU students need to complete the audition process and be accepted to the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance before contacting the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center. Please visit the music website

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Join an Ensemble: Bands, Orchestras, and Choirs are open to all CSU students. Ensemble audition excerpts and instructions are available at Ensemble Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/auditions/>) (some ensembles do not require an audition).

Music Program Fee

A music program fee is assessed with Undergraduate and graduate music and musical theatre majors and music minors, per semester. Does not apply to the following students: online degree students and summers-only master's degree students. [Please visit the](https://provost.colostate.edu/students/) (<https://provost.colostate.edu/students/>) [Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for special course fees.](#)