

# MAJOR IN MUSIC (B.M.), PERFORMANCE CONCENTRATION, ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT OPTION

Please refer to the main [Major in Music \(B.M.\), Music Performance Concentration page](#) for the performance concentration overview and learning objectives.

Students should reference the information for their instrument on the music website (<https://music.colostate.edu>) for additional details.

## 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](mailto:smttd@colostate.edu) ([cla\\_advising@colostate.edu](mailto: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 for Music Audition Information (<https://music.colostate.edu/admissions/undergrad-apply/>).

**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.](#)

## Requirements

### Effective Fall 2022

**A minimum grade of C (2.000) is required in all music courses used to satisfy the requirements of the BM in Music, Performance Concentration, Orchestral Instrument Option.**

#### Freshman

		AUCC	Credits
CO 150	College Composition (GT-CO2)	1A	3
MU 117	Music Theory I		3
MU 118	Music Theory II		3
MU 127	Aural Skills I		1
MU 128	Aural Skills II		1
MU 131	Introduction to Music History and Literature (GT-AH1)	3B	3
MU 150 <sup>1</sup>	Piano Class I		1
MU 151B <sup>1</sup>	Piano Class II: Performance, Composition, and General Studies		1
Applied Music Instruction – Lower-Division (see list below) <sup>2</sup>			
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) <sup>3</sup>			
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion</a> )		1C	3
Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning</a> )		1B	3
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>30</b>

#### Sophomore

MU 217	Music Theory III		3
MU 218	Music Theory IV		3
MU 227	Aural Skills III		1
MU 228	Aural Skills IV		1
Applied Music Instruction – Lower-Division (see list below) <sup>2</sup>			
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) <sup>3</sup>			
Advanced Writing ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing</a> )		2	3

Historical Perspectives ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> )	3D	3
MU Elective		3
Electives		6
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31</b>
<b>Junior</b>		
MU 254	Beginning Conducting	2
MU 471	Recital	1
Select a minimum of 4 credits from the following:		4-6
MU 318	Arranging and Orchestration	
MU 325	Jazz Composition/Arranging	
MU 417	Counterpoint	
MU 418	Advanced Orchestration	
MU 517	Tonal Analytic Techniques	
MU 518	Post-Tonal Analytic Techniques	
Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (see list below)	4A,4B	6
Applied Music Instruction – Upper-Division (see list below) <sup>4</sup>		6
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) <sup>3</sup>		2
MU Elective		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )	3C	3
Electives		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Senior</b>		
MU 471	Recital	4C
Applied Music Instruction – Upper-Division (see list below) <sup>4</sup>		6
MU *** Ensemble (see list below) <sup>3</sup>		2
MU *** Electives		3
Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )	3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )	3A	7
Electives <sup>5</sup>		5-7
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>Program Total Credits:</b>		<b>120</b>

**Applied Music Instruction - Lower-Division**

Code	Title	Credits
MU 275A	Applied Instruction: Euphonium	3
MU 275B	Applied Instruction: French Horn	3
MU 275C	Applied Instruction: Trombone	3
MU 275D	Applied Instruction: Trumpet	3
MU 275E	Applied Instruction: Tuba	3
MU 275G	Applied Instruction: Harpsichord	3
MU 275H	Applied Instruction: Organ	3
MU 275I	Applied Instruction: Piano	3
MU 275J	Applied Instruction: Percussion	3
MU 275K	Applied Instruction: Guitar	3
MU 275L	Applied Instruction: Harp	3
MU 275M	Applied Instruction: Double Bass	3
MU 275N	Applied Instruction: Viola	3

MU 275O	Applied Instruction: Violin	3
MU 275P	Applied Instruction: Violoncello	3
MU 275Q	Applied Instruction: Voice	3
MU 275R	Applied Instruction: Bassoon	3
MU 275S	Applied Instruction: Clarinet	3
MU 275T	Applied Instruction: Flute	3
MU 275U	Applied Instruction: Oboe	3
MU 275V	Applied Instruction: Saxophone (Alto)	3

**Applied Music Instruction - Upper-Division**

Code	Title	Credits
MU 475A	Applied Instruction: Euphonium	3
MU 475B	Applied Instruction: French Horn	3
MU 475C	Applied Instruction: Trombone	3
MU 475D	Applied Instruction: Trumpet	3

MU 475E	Applied Instruction: Tuba	3	MU 204	Marching Band	1
MU 475G	Applied Instruction: Harpsichord	3	MU 205	Concert Band	1
MU 475H	Applied Instruction: Organ	3	MU 206	Colorado State University Concert Orchestra	1
MU 475I	Applied Instruction: Piano	3	MU 300	Women's Chorus	1
MU 475J	Applied Instruction: Percussion	3	MU 302	University Orchestra	1
MU 475K	Applied Instruction: Guitar	3	MU 304	Symphonic Band	1
MU 475L	Applied Instruction: Harp	3	MU 305	Colorado State University Concert Choir	1
MU 475M	Applied Instruction: String Bass	3	MU 309	Jazz Ensemble	1
MU 475N	Applied Instruction: Viola	3	MU 310	Jazz Combo	1
MU 475O	Applied Instruction: Violin	3	MU 400	Colorado State University Chamber Choir	1
MU 475P	Applied Instruction: Violoncello	3	MU 401	Opera Theater	1-2
MU 475R	Applied Instruction: Bassoon	3	MU 402	Theater/Chamber Orchestra	1
MU 475S	Applied Instruction: Clarinet	3	MU 404	Symphonic Wind Ensemble	1
MU 475T	Applied Instruction: Flute	3	MU 406	New Music Ensemble	1
MU 475U	Applied Instruction: Oboe	3	MU 407	Accompanying	1
MU 475V	Applied Instruction: Saxophone (Alto)	3	MU 408	Chamber Music	1

## Ensemble Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MU 201	Men's Chorus	1
MU 202	University Chorus	1

Code	Title	AUCC	Credits
MU 332	History of Jazz	4A,4B	3
MU 334	Perspectives in Early Music History	4A,4B	3
MU 335	Music of the Common Practice Era	4A,4B	3
MU 430	20th and 21st Century Music	4A,4B	3
MU 431	American Music	4A,4B	3

<sup>1</sup> Students with previous keyboard experience may test out of MU 150 and/or MU 151B and replace with the same number of elective credit(s).

<sup>2</sup> Major instrument. Take two semesters each during the freshman and sophomore years.

<sup>3</sup> Students must participate in an ensemble during each semester in which they are enrolled in MU 275A-MU 275V and MU 475A-MU 475V. At least once during the program of study, this must be achieved by taking MU 408 or through another small ensemble experience.

<sup>4</sup> Major instrument. Take two semesters each during the junior and senior years.

<sup>5</sup> Select enough elective credits to bring the program total to 120, of which at least 42 must be upper-division (300- to 400-level).

## Major Completion Map

**Distinctive Requirements for Degree Program:** A minimum grade of C (2.000) is required in all music courses used to satisfy the requirements of the BM in Music, Performance Concentration, Orchestral Instrument Option.

### Freshman

Semester 1	Critical	Recommended	AUCC	Credits
CO 150			1A	3
MU 117	X			3
MU 127	X			1
MU 150	X			1
MU 275* Applied Music Instruction Lower-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU*** Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#quantitative-reasoning</a> )	X		1B	3

**Total Credits**

**15**

<b>Semester 2</b>		<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 118	Music Theory II	X			3
MU 128	Aural Skills II	X			1
MU 131	Introduction to Music History and Literature (GT-AH1)	X		3B	3
MU 151B	Piano Class II: Performance, Composition, and General Studies	X			1
MU 275*	Applied Music Instruction Lower-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU***	Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)				1
	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#diversity-equity-inclusion</a> )	X		1C	3
	CO 150 and AUCC 1B (Quantitative Reasoning) must be completed by the end of Semester 2.	X			
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>					
<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 217	Music Theory III	X			3
MU 227	Aural Skills III	X			1
MU 275*	Applied Music Instruction Lower-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU***	Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
	Historical Perspectives ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#historical-perspectives</a> )	X		3D	3
	Electives				6
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>17</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 218	Music Theory IV	X			3
MU 228	Aural Skills IV	X			1
MU 275*	Applied Music Instruction Lower-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU***	Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
	Advanced Writing ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#advanced-writing</a> )			2	3
	MU Elective				3
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>14</b>
<b>Junior</b>					
<b>Semester 5</b>		<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 254	Beginning Conducting	X			2
	Select a minimum of four credits from the following:				4-6
MU 318	Arranging and Orchestration				
MU 325	Jazz Composition/Arranging				
MU 417	Counterpoint				
MU 418	Advanced Orchestration				
MU 517	Tonal Analytic Techniques				
MU 518	Post-Tonal Analytic Techniques				
	Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X	4A,4B	3
MU 475*	Applied Music Instruction Upper-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU***	Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
	Elective				3
<b>Total Credits</b>					<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 6</b>		<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 471	Recital	X			1

Upper-Division Music History 4A/4B (See list on Concentration Requirements Tab)		X	4A,4B	3
MU 475* Applied Music Instruction Upper-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU*** Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
MU Elective				3
Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )			3C	3
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>14</b>

<b>Senior</b>				
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 475* Applied Music Instruction Upper-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU*** Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
Arts and Humanities ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#arts-humanities</a> )			3B	3
Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )			3A	3
MU Elective				3
Elective				3
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>16</b>

<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>Critical</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>AUCC</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MU 471 Recital	X		4C	1
MU 475* Applied Music Instruction Upper-Division (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			3
MU*** Ensemble (See List on Concentration Requirements Tab)	X			1
Biological and Physical Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences">http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/all-university-core-curriculum/aucc/#biological-physical-sciences</a> )	X		3A	4
Electives	X			2-4
The benchmark courses for the 8th semester are the remaining courses in the entire program of study.	X			
<b>Total Credits</b>				<b>13</b>

**Program Total Credits: 120**