



Music - General Studies Concentration

About this Composite Major

The BA/BS in Music: General Studies Concentration is designed to give students a flexible approach to their undergraduate study. In addition to the core classes required of all music majors, students use electives to craft a degree program to suit their interests. Each student will end their music studies with an academic capstone project. Many music graduates work as professional performers, artists, and teachers. The BA/BS in Music is also an effective pre-professional degree, serving as a gateway to graduate studies, law school, or medical school.

Meet a Student



"When I visited the VCSU campus as a high schooler, I knew it was where I wanted to complete my undergraduate degree in music. The campus was cozy, the music faculty was caring, and it just felt right to me. Little did I know, I would end up completing my Master's degree from VCSU as well for all of those same reasons. VCSU has, and always will be, home for me!" - Sarah Larson, Piano player

Career Opportunities



There are multiple career paths with a Music degree including:

- Music producer
- Ensemble director
- Publicist
- Composer
- Arranger
- Recording artist
- Tour manager

Join an Ensemble



There are many venues for students to share their performance abilities: Concert Choir, Concert Band, Athletic Band, Jazz Ensemble, University Singers, Wind Ensemble, Commercial Music Ensemble, and Opera Ensemble.



Practice and Perform in the Center for the Arts



The brand-new Center for the Arts houses all music classrooms including:

- a state-of-the-art recording and production studio
- a 350-seat performance hall
- a 100-seat recital hall/choral room
- a band room
- a piano/computer lab
- large and small practice rooms

Acoustic treatments have been designed for all performance, rehearsal and practice spaces, and the larger spaces feature adjustable acoustics and audio/video capabilities.

Contact Information

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Department Location

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Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	2	Applied Music	2
ENGL 110 (Gen Ed)	3	ENGL 120 (Gen Ed)	3
Ensemble	1	Ensemble	1
MUS 111	1	Speech Communication (Gen Ed)	3
MUS 122	3	MUS 112	1
MUS 123	1	MUS 124	3
MUS 171 (Introduction to Music Technology)	3	MUS 125	1
UNIV 150	1		
	15		14

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	2	Applied Music	2
Electives	5	Ensemble	1
Ensemble	1	HPER 100 (Gen Ed)	2
MUS 222	3	Computer Science and Literacy (Gen Ed)	3
MUS 223	1	MUS 205	2
MUS 331	3	MUS 224	3
		MUS 225	1
		MUS 298	0
		MUS 332	3
	15		17

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Applied Music	2	Applied Music	2
Electives	6	Electives	6
Ensemble	1	Additional Humanities or Social Science (Gen Ed)	2
Literacies (Gen Ed)	3	Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4
MATH 104 (Gen Ed)	3	MUS 301	2
	15		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Electives	8	Art and Music (Gen Ed)	3
Ensemble (Gen Ed)	1	Electives	6
Lab Science (Gen Ed)	4	Ensemble	1
Social Science (Gen Ed)	3	Social Science (Gen Ed)	3
		MUS 435	3
	16		16

Total Credits 124



Please note: This plan is intended for general information only. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor each semester before registration.

Music Learning Outcomes

VCSU Music Majors will:

1. Demonstrate competence in basic musicianship skills.
(Musicianship)
2. Develop requisite performance skills as a soloist and ensemble member, consistent with the objectives of their degree plan. (Performance)
3. Interpret and analyze music from a variety of cultures and time periods. (Analysis)
4. Demonstrate teaching skills consistent with the objectives of their degree plan. (Pedagogy)