MUSIC: RESEARCH (BA)

Program Description

Our BA in Music degree has been completely reimagined to encourage lifelong growth and talent development and to address a wide range of vocational skills as a reality of working musicians in the 21st century. We have created a student-driven and project-focused curriculum that reflects and engages with the professional music-making culture in Seattle and across the nation.

Entering and Completing the Major

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, so if you change your mind about a major, or want to include an additional program, you are able to do so, as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen major(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a major within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU and you identified a major in this department as your first choice on your application for admission to the University, you have gained entry to the major. To change or add a major, follow these instructions (https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/ a3th1keb/).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/a3th1keb/) to enter a major in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a major; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the major or minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different major.
- You must complete the major requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the major.

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79 Credits Minimum, Including 33 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requiremen	ts	
MUS 1051	Aural Skills Fundamentals	2
MUS 1110	Music Theory I: Introduction to Diatonic Harmo	ny 3
MUS 1111	Music Theory II: Introduction to Chromatic Harmony	3
MUS 1113	Aural Skills I	2
MUS 1114	Aural Skills II	2
MUS 1500	Introduction to Improvisation	2
MUS 1800	European Music History Timeline	5
MUS 2115	Lifelong Musicianship ¹	4
MUS 2570	Music and Technology I: Editing and Recording	2

MUS 3570	Music and Technology II: MIDI and Video	2
MUS 3712	Conducting	2
MUS 4897	Project Capstone ¹	1
Section Credits		32
Core: Creative E	ngagement (CE)	
Select three of t		9
MUS 3102	Composition	
MUS 3105	Counterpoint	
MUS 3110	Jazz Theory and Arranging	
MUS 3111	20th Century Composition Techniques	
MUS 3112	Form and Analysis	
MUS 3113	Voice Leading	
MUS 3114	Advanced Chromatic Harmony	
MUS 3200	Songwriting	
MUS 4101	Arranging and Orchestration	
Section Credits	Required	9
Core: Critical Lis	stening Cultural Reflections (CR)	
Select three of t	he following:	9
MUS 4230	European Music of the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque	
MUS 4231	European Music of the Classical and Romantic	
MUS 4232	European Music of the 20th Century	
MUS 4233	Music of Black America	
MUS 4234	Music of the Spice Route	
MUS 4235	Music of the Pacific Rim	
MUS 4236	Jazz History for Music Majors	
MUS 4237	American Popular Music for Music Majors	
MUS 4238	Psychology of Music	
MUS 4239	Music of Latin America and the Caribbean	
Section Credits	Required	9
Core: Large Ense	emble (LE)	
Select three of t	he following:	6
MUS 2301	Gospel Choir	
MUS 2305	Treble Choir	
MUS 2307	Percussion Ensemble	
MUS 2312	Tenor/Bass Choir	
MUS 2350	Concert Choir	
MUS 2351	Wind Ensemble	
MUS 2353	Orchestra	
MUS 4301	Gospel Choir	
MUS 4305	Treble Choir	
MUS 4307	Percussion Ensemble	
MUS 4312	Tenor/Bass Choir	
MUS 4350	Concert Choir	
MUS 4351	Wind Ensemble	
MUS 4353	Orchestra	
Section Credits	Required	6
Core: Small Ense	emble or Music Technique Classes	
Select six credit	s of the following:	6
MUS 2304	Chamber Singers	
MUS 2311	Jazz Improvisation Lab	
MUS 2313	Vocal Jazz Ensemble	

MUS 2315	World Drums	
MUS 2340	Chamber Music	
MUS 2341	Gamelan Ensemble	
MUS 2342	Worship Band	
MUS 2360	Singing from the Stage	
MUS 2501	Applied Pedagogy of Brass Instruments	
MUS 2502	Applied Pedagogy of Percussion Instruments	
MUS 2503	Applied Pedagogy of Stringed Instruments	
MUS 2504	Applied Pedagogy of Woodwind Instruments	
MUS 4304	Chamber Singers	
MUS 4311	Jazz Improvisation Lab	
MUS 4313	Vocal Jazz Ensemble	
MUS 4315	World Drums	
MUS 4340	Chamber Music	
MUS 4341	Gamelan Ensemble	
MUS 4342	Worship Band	
MUS 4360	Singing from the Stage	
Section Credits	Required	6
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elect six credit	s of the following:	6
MUS 2201	Individual Instruction-Flute	
MUS 2202	Individual Instruction - Oboe	
MUS 2203	Individual Instruction - Clarinet	
MUS 2204	Individual Instruction - Bassoon	
MUS 2205	Individual Instruction - Trumpet	
MUS 2206	Individual Instruction - Horn	
MUS 2207	Individual Instruction - Trombone	
MUS 2208	Individual Instruction - Euphonium	
MUS 2209	Individual Instruction - Tuba	
MUS 2210	Individual Instruction - Percussion	
MUS 2211	Individual Instruction - Violin	
MUS 2212	Individual Instruction - Viola	
MUS 2213	Individual Instruction - Violoncello	
MUS 2214	Individual Instruction - Double Bass	
MUS 2215	Individual Instruction - Harp	
MUS 2216	Individual Instruction - Organ	
MUS 2217	Individual Instruction - Piano	
MUS 2217	Individual Instruction - Harpsichord	
MUS 2210	Individual Instruction - Voice	
MUS 2219	Individual Instruction - Classical Guitar	
MUS 2220	Individual Instruction - Cassical Guitar	
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MUS 4202	Individual Instruction - Oboe	
MUS 4203	Individual Instruction - Clarinet	
MUS 4204	Individual Instruction - Bassoon	
MUS 4205	Individual Instruction - Trumpet	
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MUS 2115 Lifelong Musicianship and MUS 4897 Project Capstone both need to be repeated until the credit minimum is achieved.

Additional Requirements and Information

- Pass Piano Proficiency Exam
- Junior Project