

MUSIC: PERFORMANCE (BA)

Program Description

Our BA in Music degree has been completely reimagined to encourage lifelong growth and talent development through training with our world-class faculty and guests, preparing careers in performance, private teaching, or to pursue graduate degrees. Our program addresses a wide range of vocational skills and creativity required for professional musicians in the 21st century. Our project-focused curriculum reflects and engages with the music-making culture in Seattle and across the nation seeking to develop a successful career in the music industry.

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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80 Credits Minimum, Including 30 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
MUS 1051	Aural Skills Fundamentals	2
MUS 1104	Music Theory I: Diatonic Harmony	3
MUS 1105	Music Theory II: Voice Leading	3
MUS 1113	Aural Skills I	2
MUS 1114	Aural Skills II	2
MUS 1810	European Music History Timeline I	3
MUS 2116	Aural Skills III	2
MUS 2117	Aural Skills IV	2

MUS 2118	Music Theory III: Chromatic Harmony and Extended Tonality	3
MUS 2119	Music Theory IV: Form and Analysis	3
MUS 2340	Collaborative Ensemble ¹	4
or MUS 4340	Collaborative Ensemble	
MUS 2570	Music and Technology I: Editing and Recording	2
MUS 2810	European Music History Timeline II	3
MUS 3103	Introduction to Improvisation	2
MUS 3200	Theory V: Songwriting and Arranging	3
MUS 3570	Music and Technology II: MIDI and Video	2
MUS 3810	Music in Cultural Context I	3
MUS 3820	Music in Cultural Context II	3
MUS 4897	Project Capstone ¹	3
Section Credits Required		50
Ensemble Elective		
Select three of the following:		6
MUS 2307	Percussion Ensemble	
MUS 2350	Concert Choir	
MUS 2353	Instrumental Ensemble	
MUS 4305	Treble Choir	
MUS 4307	Percussion Ensemble	
MUS 4350	Concert Choir	
MUS 4353	Instrumental Ensemble	
Section Credits Required		6
Core: Individual Instruction		
Select six credits 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 2218	Individual Instruction - Harpsichord	
MUS 2219	Individual Instruction - Voice	
MUS 2220	Individual Instruction - Classical Guitar	
MUS 2221	Individual Instruction - Saxophone	
MUS 2223	Individual Instruction - Jazz Guitar	
MUS 2224	Individual Instruction-Jazz Piano	
MUS 2225	Individual Instruction-Harpsichord	
MUS 4201	Individual Instruction - Flute	
MUS 4202	Individual Instruction - Oboe	

MUS 4203	Individual Instruction - Clarinet	
MUS 4204	Individual Instruction - Bassoon	
MUS 4205	Individual Instruction - Trumpet	
MUS 4206	Individual Instruction - Horn	
MUS 4207	Individual Instruction - Trombone	
MUS 4208	Individual Instruction - Euphonium	
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MUS 4216	Individual Instruction - Organ	
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Section Credits Required		6
Principal Instrument Project		
MUS 3615	Collaborative Artistry	3
MUS 3712	Conducting	3
Section Credits Required		6
Upper Division Individual Instruction		
Section Credits Required		6
Upper Division Music Electives		
Select six credits of the following: ²		6
MUS 3117	Recording I	
MUS 3204	Live Sound	
MUS 3401	Music and Worship	
MUS 4311	Jazz Improvisation Lab	
MUS 4960	Special Projects in Music	
Section Credits Required		6
Total Credits		80

¹ Repeat to meet credit requirements.

² May substitute up to 3 credits in approved related coursework.

Additional Requirements and Information

- Participation in **Music Practicum** – meets weekly for 1 hour in a mixed format of studio, workshops, and student performances.
- Pass **Piano Proficiency Exam** – may require MUS 1250 and MUS 1251 (repeatable) and up to 3 credits in MUS 2200 Piano Proficiency.