BUTLER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC • JORDAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

Bachelor of Music (BM) in Composition

Summary of Degree Requirements

REQUIRED COURSES IN MUSIC

Course Title	Course Number	Credit Hours
Major Instrument or Voice	AM	8 credits (2,2,2,2)
Keyboard Skills 3, 4	AM 023, 024 (or <i>AM 031, 032</i> if piano major)	2 credits (1,1)
Composition	AM 280	6 credits (2,2,2)
Composition or Electronic Composition	AM 480 or AM 481	8 credits (2,2,2,2)
Major Ensemble ¹	ES_	6 credits
New Music Ensemble	ES 108/308	2 credits (1,1)
Percussion Techniques ²	ME 193	1 credit
Self-Representation for Musicians	ME 330	1 credit
E-Portfolio Capstone	ME 430	0 credits
Music History and Literature 1, 2, 3	MH 305, 306, 307	8 credits
Music in Global Contexts	MH 308-SJD ³	3 credits
Music Theory 1, 2, 3, 4	MT 101, 102, 201, 202	12 credits
Aural Skills 1, 2, 3, 4	MT 111, 112, 211, 212	4 credits
Introduction to Composition	MT 119	3 credits
Composition Seminar	MT 222	4 credits (1,1,1,1)
Upper Divisional Examination - Composition	MT 299	0 credits
Orchestration	MT 308	3 credits
Basic Conducting	MT 311	2 credits
Counterpoint	MT 317	3 credits
Composition Recital	MT 408	0 credits
Form and Analysis	MT 413	3 credits
Professional Topics in Music Composition	MT 421	1 credit
Composition Seminar	MT 422	4 credits (1,1,1,1)
Introduction to Electronic Music	MT 440	2 credits
Advanced Electronic Music	MT 441	2 credits
	TOTAL REQUIRED COURSES IN MUSIC	88 credits

UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM

Course Title	Course Number	Credit Hours
First Year Seminar	FYS 101, 102	6 credits (3,3)
Global and Historical Studies (two courses)	GHS _	6 credits (3,3)
Analytic Reasoning	AR _	3 credits
The Natural World	NW _	5 credits
The Social World	SW _	3 credits
Texts and Ideas	TI _	3 credits
Well-Being (may be Marching Band)	WB _	<u>1 credit</u>
	TOTAL CORE CURRICULUM	27 credits

FREE ELECTIVES (includes AM 021 and AM 022, if needed)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

124 credits

9 credits

¹For students whose major instrument is piano or guitar, four semesters of this requirement may be satisfied with piano-related or guitar-related ensembles, including ES 101/301 (Chamber Music), ES 102/302 (Guitar Ensemble), ES 313 (Accompanying), ES 423 (Two-Piano Ensemble), ES 124/324 (Jazz Ensemble), ES 127/327 (Jazz Combo), ES 108/308 (New Music Ensemble; one semester only), or AM 127/128 (Voice Class 1/2), in consultation with their academic advisor and major teacher.

²For those students whose major instrument is percussion: substitute ME 191, 192, 291, 292, 391, or 392 for ME 193.

³MH 308-SJD fulfills the Social Justice and Diversity requirement of the University Core Curriculum; students must fulfill the Indianapolis Community Requirement (ICR). Music majors are exempt from both the Perspectives in the Creative Arts requirement (because they take 9 credit hours in the arts) and the Butler Cultural Requirement (BCR).

- Music students must attend 16 arts events per year; for students who are student teaching, studying abroad, or in full-time internships during the academic year, only 8 events are required for that year. See the School of Music website for distribution requirements.
- Courses in italics are offered in alternating years.
- A grade of C or higher is required for all Music courses.

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Suggested Sequence of Courses

Spring - 15 credits

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Fall - 16 credits

Keyboard Skills 1*	AM 021	1 credit	Keyboard Skills 2*	AM 022	1 credit
Major Instrument or Voice	AM _	2 credits	Major Instrument or Voice	AM _	2 credits
Major Ensemble	ES _	1 credit	Composition	AM 280	2 credits
Music Theory 1	MT 101	3 credits	Major Ensemble	ES_	1 credit
Aural Skills 1	MT 111	1 credit	Self-Representation for Musicians	ME 330	1 credit
Introduction to Composition	MT 119	3 credits	Music Theory 2	MT 102	3 credits
Composition Seminar	MT 222	1 credit	Aural Skills 2	MT 112	1 credit
First Year Seminar	FYS 101	3 credits	Composition Seminar	MT 222	1 credit
Well-Being (may be Marching Band)	WB_	1 credit	First Year Seminar	FYS 102	3 credits
Year Two					
Fall – 18 credits			Spring – 16 credits		
Keyboard Skills 3	AM 023	1 credit	Keyboard Skills 4	AM 024	1 credit

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Major Instrument or Voice	AM	2 credits	Major Instrument or Voice	AM _	2 credits
Composition	AM 280	2 credits	Composition	AM 280	2 credits
Major Ensemble	ES	1 credit	Major Ensemble	ES _	1 credit
Percussion Techniques**	ME 193	1 credit	Music History & Literature 1	MH 305	2 credits
Music in Global Contexts	MH 308-SJD	3 credits	Music Theory 4	MT 202	3 credits
Music Theory 3	MT 201	3 credits	Aural Skills 4	MT 212	1 credit
Aural Skills 3	MT 211	1 credit	Composition Seminar	MT 222	1 credit
Composition Seminar	MT 222	1 credit	Upper Divisional Exam - Compos	MT 299	0 credits
Global & Historical Studies	GHS	3 credits	Global & Historical Studies	GHS _	3 credits

Year Three

Fall – 15 credits			Spring – 16 credits		
Composition or Electronic Comp	AM 480 or 481	2 credits	Composition or Electronic Comp	AM 480 or 481	2 credits
Major Ensemble	ES _	1 credit	Major Ensemble	ES_	1 credit
Music History & Literature 2	MH 306	3 credits	Music History & Literature 3	MH 307	3 credits
Basic Conducting	MT 311	2 credits	Counterpoint	MT 317	3 credits
Orchestration	MT 308	3 credits	Composition Seminar	MT 422	1 credit
Form and Analysis	MT 413	3 credits	Analytic Reasoning	AR _	3 credits
Composition Seminar	MT 422	1 credit	The Social World	SW _	3 credits

Year Four

Fall – 15 credits Composition or Electronic Comp New Music Ensemble Composition Seminar Introduction to Electronic Music The Natural World Texts and Ideas Free Elective	AM 480 or 481 ES 308 MT 422 MT 440 NW _ TI _	2 credits 1 credit 1 credit 2 credits 5 credits 3 credits 1 credit	Spring – 13 credits Composition or Electronic Comp New Music Ensemble E-Portfolio Capstone Composition Recital Professional Topics in Mus Comp Composition Seminar Advanced Electronic Music	AM 480 or 481 ES 308 ME 430 MT 408 <i>MT 421</i> MT 422 <i>MT 441</i>	2 credits 1 credit 0 credits 0 credits 1 credit 1 credit 2 credits
			Advanced Electronic Music Free Electives	MT 441	2 credits 6 credits
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 124

- *The keyboard placement exam determines the need for AM 021 and AM 022, which are considered prerequisite courses and do not fulfill the keyboard requirements for a music degree; they count as elective credits. Students whose major instrument is piano take only AM 031 and AM 032 to fulfill their keyboard skills requirement.
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