

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE IN MUSIC

Overview

The **Associate of General Studies in Music** (AGS–Music) degree is designed for students intending to transfer to a Bachelor of Music (BM) program or pursue further study in music. The curriculum includes general education requirements along with coursework in music theory, performance, and ensemble participation to support preparation for upper-division study.

Because admission to Bachelor of Music programs is competitive and varies by institution, students are strongly encouraged to work with a music advisor and their intended transfer institution to ensure appropriate course selection and audition preparation. Completion of the AGS–Music degree does not guarantee admission to a BM program or fulfillment of all lower-division requirements at the transfer institution.

MHCC offers a variety of ensemble opportunities open to students of all majors, as well as faculty, staff, and community members. Participation in ensembles typically requires an audition at or before the start of the term.

Available ensembles include:

- Orchestra
- Wind Ensemble
- Jazz Ensembles
- Symphonic Choir
- Chamber Choir
- Jazz Combos & Chamber Ensembles

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Program Requirements

The degree requirements below outline the courses and credit categories required to complete the **Associate of General Studies in Music** degree, including music core and general education requirements. Expand each section to view eligible courses that may be used to fulfill specific requirements.

For a suggested term-by-term sequence, refer to the **Education Plan** tab.

Code	Title	Credits
Music Core + Music Electives		61-70
Mathematics, 1 option from AGS list (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#math)		0-4
Written Communication, 1 course from AGS list (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#communication)		3-4
Oral Communication, 1 course from AGS list (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#communication)		3-4

Arts & Letters, fulfilled by MUS courses (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#arts-letters>)

Social Science, 1 course from AGS list (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#social>) 3-4

Science, 1 course from AGS list (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#science>) 3-5

Health and Physical Education, 1 credit from AGS list (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#health>) 1

Electives, to reach 90 applicable degree credits 0-16

Total Credits 90

Music Core

Complete all of the following requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Individual Lessons (first year), MUP171 - 192 (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/courses-az/mup/)		3-6
Individual Lessons (second year), MUP271 - 292 (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/courses-az/mup/)		3-6
Two-year sequence of Band, Orchestra, or Choir. ¹		6
MUP101 & MUP201	Wind Ensemble: First Year and Wind Ensemble: Second Year	
MUP105 & MUP205	Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble	
MUP121 & MUP221	Symphonic Choir: First Year and Symphonic Choir: Second Year	
MUP115 & MUP215	Collegiate Chorale: First Year and Collegiate Chorale: Second Year	
MUP114	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: First Year (repeatable)	3
MUS111	Music Theory I	3
MUS112	Music Theory II	3
MUS113	Music Theory III	3
MUS211	Music Theory IV 🌐	3
MUS212	Music Theory V 🌐	3
MUS213	Music Theory VI 🌐	3
MUS121	Aural Skills I	1
MUS122	Aural Skills II	1
MUS123	Aural Skills III	1
MUS221	Aural Skills IV: Modulation	1
MUS222	Aural Skills V: Polyphony	1
MUS223	Aural Skills VI: Chromaticism	1
MUS131	Group Piano I	2
MUS132	Group Piano II	2
MUS133	Group Piano III	2
MUS231	Keyboard Harmony I	2
MUS232	Keyboard Harmony II	2
MUS268	Music History: Baroque to Romantic 🌐	4
Music electives (p.)		8-11
Total Credits		61-70

¹ Symphonic and chamber choirs are interchangeable. See a music adviser for more information.

Music Electives

Complete 8-11 credits. Work with your university's music transfer adviser to choose the correct music electives.

Code	Title	Credits
MUP214	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: Second Year	1
MUS103	Jazz History	3
MUS105	History of Rock	3
MUS107	Audio Production I	4
MUS117	Electronic Music Production I	3
MUS118	Electronic Music Production II	3
MUS119	Electronic Music Production III	3
MUS137	Guitar Fundamentals	2
MUS138	Intermediate Guitar Class	1
MUS152	Introduction to Music Business	3
MUS161	Jazz Improvisation	2
MUS162	Jazz Improvisation	2
MUS201	Music in Cinema 🎬	3
MUS279	Popular Songwriting	3
MUS282	Fundamentals of Conducting	2

Electives

Complete electives to reach a total of 90 degree credits. Elective courses for the AGS may be any course numbered 100 or above. No more than 30 credits of one discipline may apply as elective. A maximum of 8 credits of PE185, 25 credit hours of IECC courses numbered 100 or higher, and 12 credits of Cooperative Education Internship may be applied to the AGS degree as elective credit.

Education Plan

This sample Education Plan illustrates one possible course sequence. Students should consult an advisor (<https://www.mhcc.edu/student-resources/academic-advising/>) to create a personalized plan.

General education courses (such as math, writing, health, etc.) can be taken during any term, or before starting the program.

In order to complete this degree, students must either place into MTH058 or above, or complete MTH020 Applied Arithmetic and Pre-algebra with a grade of "C" or higher.

First Quarter

Fall		Credits
Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:		1
MUP101	Wind Ensemble: First Year	1
MUP105	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP121 or MUP115	Symphonic Choir: First Year or Collegiate Chorale: First Year	
MUP170A- MUP192B (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/courses-az/mup/)	Individual Lessons (first year)	1-2
MUP114	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: First Year	1
MUS111	Music Theory I	3
MUS121	Aural Skills I	1

MUS131	Group Piano I	2
WR121Z	Composition I	4
Credits		14

Second Quarter

Winter

Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:		1
MUP101	Wind Ensemble: First Year	
MUP105	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP121 or MUP115	Symphonic Choir: First Year or Collegiate Chorale: First Year	
MUP170A- MUP192B (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/courses-az/mup/)	Individual Lessons (first year)	1-2
MUP114	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: First Year	1
MUS112	Music Theory II	3
MUS122	Aural Skills II	1
MUS132	Group Piano II	2
WR122Z or WR227Z	Composition II or Technical Writing	4
University Music Electives (p. 2)		1-3
Credits		14

Third Quarter

Spring

Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:		1
MUP101	Wind Ensemble: First Year	
MUP105	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP121 or MUP115	Symphonic Choir: First Year or Collegiate Chorale: First Year	
MUP170A- MUP192B (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/courses-az/mup/)	Individual Lessons (first year)	1-2
MUP114	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: First Year	1
MUS113	Music Theory III	3
MUS123	Aural Skills III	1
MUS133	Group Piano III	2
Oral Communication (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#AGS-OralComm)	COMM111Z or COMM218Z recommended	4
Health and Physical Education course from AGS list (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#AGS-HPE)		1
Elective, if needed to reach 90 credits (p. 2)		3-4
Credits		17

Fourth Quarter**Fall****Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:** 1

MUP201	Wind Ensemble: Second Year	
MUP205	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP221 or MUP215	Symphonic Choir: Second Year or Collegiate Chorale: Second Year	
MUP270A- MUP292B	Individual Lessons (second year)	1-2
(https:// catalog.mhcc.edu/ courses-az/ mup/)		
MUS211	Music Theory IV 🌐	3
MUS221	Aural Skills IV: Modulation	1
MUS231	Keyboard Harmony I	2
MUS117	Electronic Music Production I	3
Social Science course from AGS list (https:// catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags/#AGS- Social)		3-4
Elective, if needed to reach 90 credits (p. 2)		3-4
Credits		17

Fifth Quarter**Winter****Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:** 1

MUP201	Wind Ensemble: Second Year	
MUP205	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP221 or MUP215	Symphonic Choir: Second Year or Collegiate Chorale: Second Year	
MUP270A- MUP292B	Individual Lessons (second year)	1-2
(https:// catalog.mhcc.edu/ courses-az/ mup/)		
MUS212	Music Theory V 🌐	3
MUS222	Aural Skills V: Polyphony	1
MUS232	Keyboard Harmony II	2
Science course from AGS list (lab science recommended) (https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ ags/#AGS-GE)		3-5
University Music Electives (p. 2)		1-3
Elective, if needed to reach 90 credits (p. 2)		3-4
Credits		16

Sixth Quarter**Spring****Select one of the following Band, Choir or Orchestra courses:** 1

MUP201	Wind Ensemble: Second Year	
MUP205	Jazz Ensemble	
MUP221 or MUP215	Symphonic Choir: Second Year or Collegiate Chorale: Second Year	

MUP270A- MUP292B	Individual Lessons (second year)	1-2
(https:// catalog.mhcc.edu/ courses-az/ mup/)		

MUS213	Music Theory VI 🌐	3
MUS223	Aural Skills VI: Chromaticism	1
MUS268	Music History: Baroque to Romantic 🌐	4
University Music Electives (p. 2)		1-3
Elective, if needed to reach 90 credits (p. 2)		1-3
Credits		12
Total Credits		90

Music Electives

Code	Title	Credits
MUS103	Jazz History (Meets Social Science or Arts and Letters Requirement)	3
MUS104	Music Notation	1
MUS105	History of Rock (Meets Social Science or Arts and Letters Requirement)	3
MUS107	Audio Production 1	4
MUS108	Audio Production 2	4
MUS109	Audio Production 3	4
MUS118	Electronic Music Production II	3
MUS119	Electronic Music Production III	3
MUS137	Guitar Fundamentals	2
MUS138	Intermediate Guitar Class	2
MUS152	Introduction to Music Business	3
MUS161	Jazz Improvisation 1	2
MUS162	Jazz Improvisation 2	2
MUS201	Music in Cinema 🌐	3
MUS279	Popular Songwriting	3
MUS282	Fundamentals of Conducting	2

Career Information

Explore potential careers related to this program, including typical job roles, employment trends, and projected growth. This information can help you better understand how your education may align with future career opportunities.

- ★ Course offered online
- 🌐 Cultural Literacy course