

Bachelor of Music: Composition

[rev. Fall 2023]

Course Requirements

Recommended Course Distribution

Credits	First Yr	Second	Third	Fourth
8 COMP 201, 202, 301, 302 (Composition I-IV)	2 2	2 2	- -	- -
8 COMP 251, 252, 351, 352 (Composition Seminars)	2 2	2 2	- -	- -
24 PVST 027 (Principal Private Study)	- -	- -	6 6	6 6
4 PVST (Secondary Private Study)	- 2	- -	- 2	- -
6 APST 700-899 / JAZZ 700-899 (Ensemble electives) ¹	- -	- -	- 2	2 2
8 COMP 211 (Instrumentation), 311 (Orchestration)	4 -	4 -	- -	- -
8 COMP 222, 421 (Counterpoint I + II)	- 4	- -	4 -	- -
4 COMP 332 (Survey Comp Forms and Structures)	- -	- 4	- -	- -
4 COMP 350 (Special Topics in Composition)	- -	- -	- 4	- -
12 Composition / Jazz / TIMARA electives ²	- -	4 4	- -	4 -
8 MUTH 131, 132 (Music Theory I + II) ³	4 4	- -	- -	- -
8 MUTH 250-299 (Music Theory) ⁴	- -	4 4	- -	- -
8 MUTH 101, 102, 201, 202 (Aural Skills I-IV)	2 2	2 2	- -	- -
4 MHST 101 (Intro to Hist and Lit of Music) ⁵	4 -	- -	- -	- -
12 Musicology / Music Theory upper-level electives ⁶	- -	- -	4 4	- 4
32 Liberal Arts electives	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
10 Free electives	- -	- -	2 -	4 4
168	22 20	22 22	20 22	20 20

Non-Course Requirements

Private Study Committee Examinations:

First Major Committees	✓ ✓	- -	- -	- -
Second Major Committees	- -	✓ ✓	- -	- -
Third Major Committees	- -	- -	✓ ✓	- -
Fourth Major Committee	- -	- -	- -	✓ or ✓

Performance Requirements:

First-Year Midway Concert	- ✓	- -	- -	- -
Second-Year Midway Concert	- -	- ✓	- -	- -
Third-Year Midway Concert	- -	- -	- ✓	- -
Senior Recital	- -	- -	- -	✓ or ✓
Senior Portfolio Submission	- -	- -	- -	- ✓

1 Credit-bearing ExCo ensembles and other ensembles may be substituted with a waiver with the approval of the department.

2 May be fulfilled by taking a second semester of a COMP 350 seminar, any TECH course, or any JAZZ course.

3 A music theory placement test score of 80 or higher is a prerequisite for MUTH 131. Students with lower scores must successfully complete MUTH 120 before taking MUTH 131.

4 At least one of the two MUTH 250-299 courses must have the post-tonal attribute. All MUTH 250-299 classes require successful completion of MUTH 132 as a prerequisite. All 300- and 400-level MUTH courses require completion of two MUTH 250-299 courses as a prerequisite.

5 MHST 101 may be waived by placement examination when the student enters Oberlin.

6 Must include one upper-level (200-level or higher) ETHN or MHST course and one upper-level (300-level or higher) MUTH course. The third course may be an upper-level ETHN, MHST, or MUTH course.