

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**

College of Architecture, Arts, and Design

School of Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Music (MUS)

Option: Composition (MCOM)

For students entering under UG Catalog 2023-2024

I. Pathways General Education (45 credits)	33 credits required
II. Music Degree Core Courses	21 credits required
III. Major Required Courses	2 credits required
IV. Composition Option Required Courses	52 credits required
V. Free Elective Credits	12 credits required
VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)	
<b>Total Credit Hours for Degree</b>	<b>120 credits required</b>

**Department Policies**

**GPA / Grade Requirements**

To fulfill graduation requirements in the major, all courses used to fulfill requirements in the Music major must be completed with a grade of C or better. None of these courses may be repeated more than once for the purposes of raising the grade to C or better. An overall and in-major GPA of 2.0 or higher is required. All Music courses are used in calculating the major GPA except MUS 1005, 1006, 1104, 2115, and 2116.

**Satisfactory Progress Toward Degree**

In addition to University requirements, students must complete the following by the end of the semester in which they attempt 54 credit hours:

A) Continuation Exam Requirement, Keyboard Proficiency Requirement, Convocation and Concert Attendance Requirement

B) MUS 2025, 2026, 2045, 2046, 3025, 3026, 3174 plus 2 hours of either MUS 3314 or 3414

**Prerequisites**

Some courses listed on this checksheet have prerequisites. Please consult the university course catalog or check with an academic advisor for more information.

**Foreign Language Requirement**

In order to graduate, students must meet a foreign language requirement. Students who did not complete 2 units of a foreign language in high school must earn 6 credits of a college foreign language. These six credits do not count toward the total minimum hours of the degree program.

<b>I. Pathways General Education</b>	<b>33 credits required</b>
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**Concept 1 - Discourse** 9 credits required

**1f - Foundational (6 credits)**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

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**1a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities**

*6 credits of Pathways Concept 2 will be satisfied by taking MUS 3184 and MUS 3194 as part of the option requirements*

**Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking**

**5f - Foundational (3 credits)** 9 credits required

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**5f - Foundational OR 5a - Advanced/Applied (3 credits)**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts**

3 credits required

**6a - Arts**

3 credits of Pathways Concept 6a will be satisfied by taking MUS 3314 as part of the option requirements

**6d - Design (3 credits)**

Pathways Course \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits required

**Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in the US**

3 credits of Pathways Concept 7 will be satisfied by taking MUS 3194 as part of the option requirements

<b>II. Music Degree Core Courses</b>	<b>21 credits required</b>
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*Note: Music Degree Core Courses May Not be Double Counted to Satisfy Another Area of the Degree (e.g. Pathways) and Cannot be Substituted.*

MUS 2025 European-American Music Theory	_____ 3 credits
MUS 2026 European-American Music Theory (Pre: 2025)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 2045 Sightsinging Lab (Co: 2025)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2046 Sightsinging Lab (Co: 2026)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3025 European-American Music Analysis (Pre: 2026)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3026 European-American Music Analysis (Pre: 3025)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3035 Advanced Class Piano	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3036 Advanced Class Piano (Pre: 3035)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3045 Advanced Ear Training (Pre: 2046)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3046 Advanced Ear Training (Pre: 3045)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3174 Music as Global Culture (Pre: 3025)	_____ 3 credits

<b>III. Major Required Courses</b>	<b>2 credits required</b>
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MUS 2054 Introduction to Music Technology	_____ 2 credits
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<b>IV. Composition Option Required Courses</b>	<b>52 credits required</b>
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**Advanced Music Theory - Take 6 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

MUS 3024 Counterpoint (Pre:3026)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3044 Orchestration & Analysis (Pre: 3034)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3054 Introduction to. Vocal/Choral Arranging (Pre: 3035, 3036)	_____ 3 credits

**Advanced Music History - Take all 6 Credit Hours**

MUS 3184 Histories of Music I (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3194 Histories of Music II (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits

**Advanced Music History Literature - Take 3 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

MUS 3114 Symphonic Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3124 20th Century Literature (Pre: 3135, 3136)	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3134 Vocal Music Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3144 Early Music Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3154 Piano Literature	_____ 3 credits
MUS 3164 History of Electronic Music	_____ 3 credits
MUS 4174 Topics in Musicology (Pre: 3174)	_____ 3 credits

**Performance (Lower Division) - Take 6 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

MUS 2514 Individual Applied Voice (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2524 Individual Applied Keyboard (VAR Credit)	_____ 2 credits
MUS 2534 Individual Applied Violin (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2544 Individual Applied Viola (VAR Credit)	_____ 1 credit
MUS 2554 Individual Applied Cello (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2564 Individual Applied Bass (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2574 Individual Applied Flute (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2584 Individual Applied Oboe (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2594 Individual Applied Clarinet (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2614 Individual Applied Saxophone (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2624 Individual Applied Bassoon (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2634 Individual Applied Horn (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2644 Individual Applied Trumpet (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2654 Individual Applied Trombone (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2664 Individual Applied Baritone (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2674 Individual Applied Tuba (VAR Credit)	
MUS 2684 Individual Applied Percussion (VAR Credit)	

**Performance (Ensemble) - Take 4 Credit Hours (repeatable courses)**

MUS 3314 - Instrumental Ensemble Music (1 credit hour) or	_____ 1 credit
MUS 3414 - Choral Ensemble Music (1 credit hour)	_____ 1 credit

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**Composition - Take all 16 Credit Hours**

MUS 2065 Music Composition	_____	2 credits
MUS 2066 Music Composition (Pre: 2065)	_____	2 credits
MUS 2734 Individual Applied Composition	_____	2 credits
MUS 2734 Individual Applied Composition	_____	2 credits
MUS 4734 Advanced Individual Applied Composition	_____	2 credits
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**Technology - Take 6 Credit Hours, Choose From:**

MUS 3064 Digital Sound Manipulation	_____	3 credits
MUS 3065 Computer Music and Multimedia Design (Pre: 2054)	_____	3 credits
MUS 3066 Computer Music and Multimedia Design (Pre: 2054, 3065)	_____	3 credits

**Performance (Related) - Take all 5 Credit Hours**

MUS 3225 Conducting	_____	3 credits
MUS 2815 Jazz Improvisation	_____	2 credits

<b>VI. Free Elective Credits</b>	<b>12 credits required</b>
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COURSE xxxx Free Elective	_____	3 credits
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<b>VI. Other Requirements (non credit bearing)</b>
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Department will process transactions when requirements have been met

**(A) Keyboard Proficiency**

Date Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**(B) Continuation Exam**

Date Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**(C) Convocation and Concert Attendance**

Date Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**(D) Junior Recital**

Date Passed \_\_\_\_\_

**(E) Senior Recital**

Date Passed \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>120 credits required</b>
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