

HONOURS BA MUSIC

The School of Music at the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading music schools. It is the ideal place to nurture your passion for all things musical and to pursue the rigorous training needed for an active and successful career in the field. We maintain close ties with renowned institutions such as the National Arts Centre (NAC) and the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra. Our program boasts state-of-the-art music facilities and internationally recognized professors who perform around the globe and publish in leading academic journals. We are a full-service music school offering programs in performance, composition, music education, piano pedagogy, theory and musicology.

Although any of our programs can pave the way for a career in education, musicology, music journalism or arts administration, the Bachelor of Music (BMus) is designed specifically for students wishing to become career musicians. Admission to the BMus therefore requires that you audition on your main instrument and demonstrate an intermediate or advanced level. In addition, the University of Ottawa is one of the only institutions in the country to offer the possibility of combining the BMus program in performance with a major in science.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2021-2022 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
Total:		12 Units

Compulsory Courses

3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 1191	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General	
MUS 1192	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Intermediate	

MUS 1193 Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Advanced		
MUS 1194 Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched		
MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I ²	3 Units
MUS 2307	Theory and Analysis II	3 Units
MUS 2331	Forms and Styles I: Middle Ages and Renaissance	3 Units
MUS 2332	Forms and Styles II: Baroque and Early Classical	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 2191 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: General		
MUS 2192 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Intermediate		
MUS 2193 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Advanced		
MUS 2194 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Enriched		
MUS 3306	Theory and Analysis III	3 Units
MUS 3307	Theory and Analysis IV	3 Units
MUS 3333	Forms and Styles III: Late Classical and Early Romantic	3 Units
MUS 3334	Forms and Styles IV: Late Romantic and Early Modern	3 Units
MUS 3335	Twentieth-Century Music	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 3328 Research in Music: Tools and Methods		
MUS 4928 Advanced Research in Music: Tools and Methods		
3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 4301 Seminar I		
MUS 4308 Topics in Counterpoint		
MUS 4310 Selected Topics in Score Analysis		
MUS 4311 Introduction to Schenkerian Analysis		
MUS 4323 Survey of Music in Canada		
MUS 4374 Post-Tonal Music		
Optional Courses		
12 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 3000 or 4000 level ^{3,4}		12 Units
3 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 4000 level ⁴		3 Units
6 optional course units in music (MUS) ^{3,4}		6 Units
Total:		60 Units
Elective Courses		
48 elective course units		48 Units
Total:		48 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

Note(s)

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This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.

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A written test at the beginning of courses MUS 1191, MUS 1192, MUS 1193, MUS 1194 and MUS 2306 will determine placement in an additional weekly lab.

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The course AMT 3105 can count towards this requirement.

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A maximum of 3 course units from MUS 4371, MUS 4372, MUS 4391 and MUS 4392 can count towards this requirement.