

# MAJOR IN MUSIC STUDIES

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 table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2020-2021 calendars (<https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 1303	Materials of Music I	
MUS 1191	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General <sup>1</sup>	
MUS 1192	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Intermediate <sup>1</sup>	
MUS 1193	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Advanced <sup>1</sup>	
MUS 1194	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched <sup>1</sup>	
MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I <sup>1</sup>	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
MUS 3306	Theory and Analysis III	3 Units
6 optional course units from:		6 Units
MUS 1901	Solo Performance Studies <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 1920	Applied Music I: Secondary Instrument <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 2304	The Sound of Rock	
MUS 2310	Music in the Movies	
MUS 2324	Selected Topics in Musical Aesthetics and Criticism	

MUS 2371	Introduction to Music and Science	
MUS 2382	Introduction to World Music	
12 optional course units from:		12 Units
MUS 3110	Music Education I	
MUS 3111	Music Education II	
MUS 3305	Music and Critical Thought	
MUS 3307	Theory and Analysis IV <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3308	Popular Music in Society	
MUS 3315	Music and Computers I	
MUS 3333	Forms and Styles III: Late Classical and Early Romantic <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3334	Forms and Styles IV: Late Romantic and Early Modern <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3335	Twentieth-Century Music	
MUS 3338	Opera <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3901	Orchestra <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3902	Wind Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3903	Opera Production <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3904	Choral Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3905	Calixa-Lavallée Choir <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3907	Guitar Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3908	Jazz Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3909	Brass Choir <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3910	Brass Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3911	Woodwind Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3912	Baroque Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3913	Percussion Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3914	Contemporary Music Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3915	Mixed Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3916	Piano Ensemble <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 3917	Accompaniment <sup>2</sup>	
6 optional course units from:		6 Units
MUS 4301	Seminar I <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 4302	Selected Topics in Music Education <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 4310	Selected Topics in Score Analysis <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 4315	Topics in Music Technology <sup>2</sup>	
MUS 4371	Specialized Workshop in Music Education I <sup>3</sup>	
MUS 4372	Specialized Workshop in Music Education II <sup>3</sup>	
MUS 4391	Specialized Workshop in Musicians' Wellness I <sup>3</sup>	
MUS 4392	Specialized Workshop in Musicians' Wellness II <sup>3</sup>	
MUS 4910	Practicum	
MUS 4924	Research Project I	
MUS 4928	Advanced Research in Music: Tools and Methods	

**Total:** 42 Units

Note(s)

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

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**2**

Enrolment subject to audition, prerequisite, and/or permission of the School of Music.

**3**

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