Bachelor of Arts in Music with a Concentration in Commercial Music and Technology

The Bachelor of Arts in Music with a Concentration in Commercial Music and Technology provides students with a broad liberal arts experience along with a curriculum grounded in traditional music theory, contemporary music theory, songwriting and arranging, and commercial music performance practices. Students will develop performance skills in individual private lessons, the music production group ensemble, and will present a senior recital for graduation. Open electives for this degree provide students the opportunity to explore a variety of course options from across the university including business marketing and accounting practices, radio and TV production, and creative writing for song lyrics.

General Requirements

During enrollment in the university, all music majors are required to register for MUSM 1800 – Performance Class. This zero credit hour course records attendance at oncampus music recitals, concerts, and master classes. Full-time enrollment requires attendance at a minimum of ten scheduled music events. Part-time enrollment requires attendance at a minimum of five scheduled music events. Students may substitute a maximum of two off-campus events with appropriate documentation.

During enrollment in the university, all commercial music majors are required to register and participate in the music production group during the fall and spring semesters.

All commercial music majors must perform a senior recital, which must be a minimum of 25 minutes of music. Four weeks before the recital, the student must successfully complete a recital hearing for a minimum of two music faculty.

All commercial music majors will be required to pass proficiency examinations in theory, aural skills, piano, and the senior recital before graduation.

Completion of 120 semester hours of course work including:

General Education – 39 Hours:

Course:		Credit Hours:		
English	Composition I (or equivalent)	3		
English	Composition II (or equivalent)	3		
Oral Communicat	3			
Foreign Language	6			
Math	Elective	3		
Natural Sciences: Biology and Physical Science; one must include a lab				
Biology	Elective	3		
Physical Science	Elective	3		
Social Sciences:	from at least two disciplines including:			

AFAM 10	00 Intro to African American Studies, and	3
Two	Elective courses	6
Humanities	& Fine Arts:	
Humanities	Elective	3
Fine Arts	Elective	3

Within general education: student must complete one critical thinking course and one diversity course.

Music Specialization – 54 hours

MUSM	1000	Music Major Seminar	1	
MUSM	1111	Music Theory I	2	
MUSM	1112	Music Theory II	2	
MUSM	1113	Music Theory III	2	
MUSM	1115	Aural and Keyboard Skills I	2	
MUSM	1116	Aural and Keyboard Skills II	2	
MUSM	1117	Aural and Keyboard Skills III	2	
MUSM	3020	Music History and Literature I	3	
MUSM	3021	Music History and Literature II	3	
MUSM	3111	Theory and Arranging for Contemporary Music	3	
Twelve credit hours of commercial music studies:				
MUS	2100	Music Technology I	3	
MUS	2150	Intro to Music Business	3	
MUS	2217	Pop Music History	3	
MUSM	3115	Songwriting	3	
Six semesters of applied lessons at the 1000 level 12				
MUSM	4800	Senior Recital	0	
Eight semesters of ensemble:				
MUSE	1180	Music Production Group	8	
MUSM 1800 Performance Class – every semester of full or part-time enrollment				

Elective Hours - 27

Student may select elective courses from across the university with approval from the department.

Student may select a maximum of 12 credit hours from MUS and MUSM 2000 level courses, and MUSM 4900 to fulfill elective hour courses.