

Bachelor of Music in Popular Music Performance (Songwriting)

2025 Catalogue Year

Total Number of Units Required for the Degree: 132

Freshman Year -- Fall			Units
MPPM	153**	Individual Instruction	2
MPPM	120	Popular Music Performance I	2
MPPM	240***	Drumming Proficiency for the Popular Musician	2
MUCO	132a	Aural Skills I	2
MUCO	133a	Theory I	3
MUSC	255	Songwriting I	2
MPPM	100	Forum	1
GESM		General Education Seminar	4
Total:			18

Freshman Year -- Spring			Units
MPPM	153	Individual Instruction	2
MPPM	120	Popular Music Performance I	2
MPPM	250***	Keyboard Proficiency for the Popular Musician	2
MUCO	132b	Aural Skills I	2
MUCO	133b	Theory I	3
MTEC		Music Technology Elective	2
WRIT	150	Writing & Critical Reasoning	4
Total:			17

Sophomore Year -- Fall			Units
MPPM	253	Individual Instruction	2
MPPM	220	Popular Music Performance II	2
MUCO	131a	Harmony in Popular Music	2
MUCO	232a	Aural Skills II (Pop Music)	2
MUHL	250g	Music & Ideas (GE-B)	4
MTEC	448	Computer Music Notation and Preparation	2
MUSC	355	Songwriting II	2
Total:			16

Sophomore Year -- Spring			Units
MPPM	253	Individual Instruction	2
MPPM	220	Popular Music Performance II	2
MUCO	131b	Harmony in Popular Music	2
MUCO	232b	Aural Skills II (Pop Music)	2
MTEC		Music Technology Elective	2
MUSC	496	Careers in Music	2
MUSC	455	Songwriting III	2
GE*		General Education	4
Total:			18

Junior Year -- Fall			Units
MPPM	325a	Arranging in Popular Music	2
MPPM	350g	A History of Popular Music (GE-A)	4
WRIT	340	Advanced Writing	4
GE*		General Education	4
Electives		General/Free Elective Course(s)	3
Total:			17

Junior Year -- Spring			Units
MPPM	320	Popular Music Performance II	2
MPPM	325b	Arranging in Popular Music	2
MUHL/MUSC		Music History Elective	4
MUIN	270	Introduction to Music Industry	4
MPPM	420	Ensemble Elective	2
Electives		General/Free Elective Course(s)	2
Total:			16

Senior Year -- Fall			Units
MPPM	450a	Final Project	1
MPPM	320	Popular Music Performance III	2
MTEC	427	Music Technology Elective (Production IV)	2
GE*		General Education	4
Electives		General/Free Elective Course(s)	6
Total:			15

Senior Year -- Spring			Units
MPPM	450b	Final Project	1
GE*		General Education	4
GE*		General Education	4
Electives		General/Free Elective Course(s)	6
Total:			15

*G.E. Requirements: The Music History (MUHL) sequence will satisfy GE-A The Arts and one GE-B Humanistic Inquiry course. One GE course must be a GE Seminar (GESM) taken in your freshman year. The Global Perspectives requirement (GE-G and GE-H) can be overlapped with select Core Literacy classes. Therefore, with correct planning, only 6 GE courses will be needed outside of your major requirements.

*** Songwriting Guitarists will be evaluated for placement in MPGU 145: Guitar Proficiency for the Pop Songwriter or MPPM 153: Individual Instruction.

**Drummers will substitute a class in guitar or voice. Keyboardists will substitute a class in guitar or voice.