

Associate in Fine Arts in Music (A.F.A.)

The Associate in Fine Arts Degree in music is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to major in music.

The AFA in Music is part of the Uniform Articulation Agreement between the University of North Carolina Baccalaureate of Fine Arts (BFA) Programs and the North Carolina Community College System Associate in Fine Arts in Music (AFAMU) Programs. The AFA requires 26 semester hours of general education core courses and 36 semester hours of courses in music. Transfer students should contact the senior (four-year) institution for specific transfer requirements.

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The Associate in Fine Arts degree in music is awarded for study leading toward a career in music. The A.F.A. degree is not included in the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. It requires 28 semester hours of General Education, with the remaining 38 hours devoted to skill development in the chosen area of concentration. Transfer to a senior institution is on a course-by-course basis along with the presentation of an audition, proficiency tests, or entrance exams for music. Students planning to transfer should contact the institution they plan to attend for specific transfer requirements.

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General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
Select one of the following courses:		3.0
ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
DRA 111	Theatre Appreciation	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	
Select one of the following courses:		3.0
HIS 111	World Civilizations I	
HIS 112	World Civilizations II	
HIS 131	American History I	
HIS 132	American History II	
Select one course from the following:		3.0
ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	
POL 120	American Government	
PSY 150	General Psychology	
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	
Select one of the following courses:		3.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	
Select 4.0 credits from the following courses:		4.0

AST 111 &	Descriptive Astronomy and Descriptive Astronomy Lab	
AST 151 &	General Astronomy I and General Astronomy I Lab	
BIO 110	Principles of Biology	
BIO 111	General Biology I	
CHM 151	General Chemistry I	
GEL 111	Geology	
PHY 110 &	Conceptual Physics and Conceptual Physics Lab	
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
Music Theory:		
MUS 121	Music Theory I	3.0
MUS 125	Aural Skills I	1.0
MUS 122	Music Theory II	3.0
MUS 126	Aural Skills II	1.0
MUS 221	Music Theory III	3.0
MUS 225	Aural Skills III	1.0
MUS 222	Music Theory IV	3.0
MUS 226	Aural Skills IV	1.0
Class Music:		
MUS 151P	Class Music I (Piano I)	1.0
MUS 152P	Class Music II (Piano II)	1.0
MUS 251P	Class Music III (piano Iii)	1.0
MUS 252P	Class Music IV (piano Iv)	1.0
Applied Music:		
MUS 161	Applied Music I	2.0
MUS 162	Applied Music II	2.0
MUS 261	Applied Music III	2.0
MUS 262	Applied Music IV	2.0
Music Ensembles:		
Select 4.0 credits from the following courses:		4.0
MUS 131	Chorus I	
MUS 132	Chorus II	
MUS 133	Band I	
MUS 134	Band II	
MUS 135	Jazz Ensemble I	
MUS 136	Jazz Ensemble II	
MUS 137	Orchestra I	
MUS 138	Orchestra II	
MUS 141	Ensemble I	
MUS 142	Ensemble II	
MUS 173	Opera Production I	
MUS 151T	Class Music I	
MUS 174	Opera Production II	
MUS 181	Show Choir I	
MUS 231	Chorus III	
MUS 232	Chorus IV	
MUS 233	Band III	
MUS 234	Band IV	
MUS 235	Jazz Ensemble III	
MUS 236	Jazz Ensemble IV	
MUS 237	Orchestra III	

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MUS 238	Orchestra IV	
MUS 241	Ensemble III	
MUS 242	Ensemble IV	
MUS 253	Big Band	
MUS 273	Opera Production III	
MUS 274	Opera Production IV	
Music History		
Select 3.0 credits from the following courses:		3.0
MUS 271	Music History I	
MUS 272	Music History II (In order to comply with bilateral agreements with four-year institutions, the Music Department strongly suggests that students complete both levels of Music History (MUS 271 and MUS 272). Please see your advisor for additional information.)	
Total Credits		61

ART 111	Art Appreciation	3.0
Credits		17
Term IV		
MUS 222	Music Theory IV	3.0
MUS 226	Aural Skills IV	1.0
MUS 262	Applied Music IV	2.0
MUS 252P	Class Music IV (piano Iv)	1.0
MUS 151T	Class Music I	1.0
MUS 272	Music History II	3.0
COM 231	Public Speaking	3.0
Ensemble (see degree requirements)		1.0
Credits		15
Total Credits		65

Associate in Fine Arts in Music (A10700) Suggested Course Sequence

The following is the suggested course plan if you would like to complete the Associate in Fine Arts and transfer to a four-year school to major in music. This plan is based on the program requirements of the 2024-2025 catalog. This is only a recommendation — you may take courses in another order upon consultation with your advisor. This plan is based on you starting with college-level math and English courses, starting your program in the fall, and attending full-time. You can also follow this sequence if you attend part-time. Speak with an advisor about your plans and note that recommendations may vary depending on your intended transfer institution.

Term I		Credits
MUS 121	Music Theory I	3.0
MUS 125	Aural Skills I	1.0
MUS 161	Applied Music I	2.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
MUS 151P	Class Music I (Piano I)	1.0
Ensemble (see degree requirements)		1.0
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	3.0
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Credits		18
Term II		
MUS 122	Music Theory II	3.0
MUS 126	Aural Skills II	1.0
MUS 162	Applied Music II	2.0
MUS 152P	Class Music II (Piano II)	1.0
Ensemble (see degree requirements)		1.0
ENG 112	Writing and Research in the Disciplines	3.0
BIO 110	Principles of Biology	4.0
Credits		15
Term III		
MUS 221	Music Theory III	3.0
MUS 225	Aural Skills III	1.0
MUS 261	Applied Music III	2.0
MUS 251P	Class Music III (piano Iii)	1.0
Ensemble (see degree requirements)		1.0
MUS 271	Music History I	3.0
HIS 111	World Civilizations I	3.0