

MUSIC VOCAL PERFORMANCE (BM)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Music with Emphasis in Vocal Performance

Unit: Music (<http://www.louisville.edu/music/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): MUSIBM_VOC

Program Information

The Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance degree is appropriate for students who wish to prepare for a career in music performance and related fields. Among the particular career emphases for which the BM in Vocal Performance is an appropriate preparation are professional performer, university teacher, private music studio teacher, or pre-professional preparation for music teacher certification study.

Most graduates will continue to develop their skills through further study. Students who have completed the BM in Vocal Performance at UofL typically do very well in gaining admission to strong graduate programs nationwide.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	47
	Program/Major Requirements	31
	Supporting Courses	20
Minimum Total Hours		129

¹ While not included in the School or Program coursework requirements, students are expected to take MUH 214 African-American Music - AH (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), D1 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) and MUH 205 Music in World Cultures - D2 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), SB (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) to satisfy some of the General Education requirements.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Students in this unit are admitted directly into their degree program.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ^{1,2}	31

The following courses are required by this program and should be used to fulfill the respective General Education Requirement:

MUH 214	African-American Music - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
School of Music Requirements		
MUS 141	Theory I ³	4
MUS 142	Theory II ³	4
MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 242	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I ⁷	2
MUS 249	Theory Modules II ⁸	2
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 109	Major Ensembles (eight 1-hour courses) ⁴	8
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (four semesters of "S")	0
MUS 131	Piano Class	1
MUS 132	Piano Class	1
MUS 231	Piano Class III ⁵	1
MUS 347	Analysis I	2
MUSA 104	Major Applied Study	4
MUSA 203	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1

MUS 297	Piano Proficiency	0
Minimum Total Hours		47

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Vocal Performance Requirements		
MUSA 101	Major Applied Study	2
MUSA 204	Major Applied Study	4
MUSA 303	Major Applied Study	4
MUSA 304	Major Applied Study	4
MUSA 403	Major Applied Study	4
MUSA 404	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 561	Literature (Vocal Literature I)	2
MUS 562	Literature (Vocal Literature II)	2
MUS 123	Diction	1
MUS 124	Diction	1
MUS 571	Pedagogy (Voice Pedagogy)	2
MUS 119	Minor Ensembles (two ½ hour courses of Opera Workshop)	1
MUSA 497	Senior Recital - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ⁶	0
Minimum Total Hours		31

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
MUSA 121	Secondary Applied Study	1
MUSA 122	Secondary Applied Study	1
MUS 359	Conducting I	2
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
Complete the following two sequences:		16
Sequence One:		
GER 121	German Language and Culture I	4
or GER 122	German Language and Culture II	
Sequence Two:		
FREN 121	French Language and Culture I	
& FREN 122	French Language and Culture II	
Minimum Total Hours		24

Upper Division Assessment

All students enrolled in a music degree program will be reviewed at the approximate midpoint of the selected program in order for students to achieve Upper Division status. Students must meet the standards of this review to register for 400-level courses in music. Both the elements and standards of the review are established by the faculty and include credit for MUS 242 Musicianship IV or Analysis (MUS 347 for BA General; MUS 349 for BA Jazz Studies; MUS 350 for BA Music & New Media); MUS 361 ; 4 semesters of Applied Instrument at the course numbers required for the degree; Piano Proficiency Examination; MUS 97 Recital Attendance , with a grade of S for 4 semesters; Ensemble participation; cumulative 2.5 GPA (good standing); minimum of 48 credit hours completed; pass ENGL 101 or ENGL 105; and 3 additional General Education/Cardinal Core courses.

Additional specific elements and standards appropriate to specific degree programs in jazz studies (including jazz performance, music education and music therapy with tracks in jazz studies, and the BA

in jazz studies), music composition, music education, music history, instrumental and vocal performance, pedagogy, music theory, and music therapy are required of students in order to achieve Upper Division status and to continue in the degree program. Specific degree requirements are determined by the concentration and area faculties and are outlined in the *Undergraduate Student Handbook*.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
MUSA 497	Senior Recital - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

- ¹ Students are required to take MUH 214 African-American Music - AH (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), D1 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>) and MUH 205 Music in World Cultures - D2 (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>), SB (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>).
- ² Students majoring in music may take MUH courses as music electives with the exception of the cardinal core courses MUH 205 / MUH 214 and MUH 204.
- ³ Students who do not pass the computer-based Fundamentals Test prior to the beginning of the fall semester are required to enroll in MUS 91 Fundamentals of Music I for 0 credit concurrently with MUS 141 Theory I. Students who do not pass MUS 141, and students who enter the School of Music in January and do not place into MUS 142 Theory II, must enroll in MUS 92 Musicianship I for the spring semester. Credits for MUS 92 do not count toward the degree.
- ⁴ Solely dependent on the ensemble audition. Two semesters of Opera Theater are recommended.
- ⁵ Students will take the Piano Proficiency Examination at the end of MUS 231. Any student not completing the Piano Proficiency Examination will be required to take MUS 232 until the proficiency exam requirement is complete.
- ⁶ The Senior Recital is considered to be the senior capstone/ culminating experience for the BM degree in Vocal Performance and is accompanied by written program notes which are to be approved by the applied teacher and one other faculty member.
- ⁷ Students must complete a 1-credit hour module in Term 1 and a 1-credit hour module in Term 2 the same semester that they are registered for MUS 241 Musicianship 3.
- ⁸ Students must complete a 1-credit hour module in Term 1 and a 1-credit hour module in Term 2 the same semester that they are registered for MUS 242 Musicianship 4.

Flight Plan

Year 1		
Fall		Hours
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Study	1
MUSA 101	Major Applied Study	2
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 141	Theory I	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (MUS 97-01B)	0
MUS 123	Diction	1
MUS 131	Piano Class	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
Hours		16
Spring		
MUSA 104	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 142	Theory II	4
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (MUS 97-01B)	0
MUS 124	Diction	1
MUS 132	Piano Class	1
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Hours		17
Year 2		
Fall		
MUSA 203	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 241	Musicianship III	2
MUS 248	Theory Modules I	2
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (MUS 97-01B)	0
MUS 231	Piano Class III	1
MUS 297	Piano Proficiency	0
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Hours		17
Spring		
MUSA 204	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 242	Musicianship IV	2
MUS 249	Theory Modules II	2
MUS 361	Introduction to Musicologies	3
MUS 359	Conducting I	2
MUS 97	Recital Attendance (MUS 97-01B)	0
MUSA 121	Secondary Applied Study	1
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
MUSA 303	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 347	Analysis I	2
MUS 362	Applying Musicologies	3
MUS 561	Literature (Vocal Literature)	2
MUSA 122	Secondary Applied Study	1
MUS 119	Minor Ensembles (Opera Workshop)	0.5
Foreign Language (Sequence 1a)		4
Hours		17.5
Spring		
MUSA 304	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 363	Engaging Musicologies	3
MUS 562	Literature (Vocal Literature)	2
Foreign Language (Sequence 1b)		4
Hours		14
Year 4		
Fall		
MUSA 403	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUS 119	Minor Ensembles (Opera Workshop)	0.5
MUS 571	Pedagogy (Voice Pedagogy)	2

Foreign Language (Sequence 2a)		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Hours		17.5
Spring		
MUSA 404	Major Applied Study	4
MUS 109	Major Ensembles	1
MUSA 497	Senior Recital - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	0
Foreign Language (Sequence 2b)		4
MUH 205	Music in World Cultures - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SB (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
MUH 214	African-American Music - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D1 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		129

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)