

# MUSIC PERFORMANCE - BFA

This unique program provides a comprehensive grounding in music while emphasizing the InterArts connections of music with other art forms such as dance, theatre, game design, or the visual arts.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Music Performance provides musicians with the comprehensive skill set essential for developing traditional and original musical performances while fostering artistic collaboration and innovation. Coursework includes instruction in music performance, interdisciplinary collaboration, music technology, music entrepreneurship, and global and popular music studies. The combination of courses blending tradition with front-line innovation encourage creative ways of thinking about performance, innovative ways of integrating music performance in social engagements, creative applications of music performance and technology, and flexible interdisciplinary skills. Skills developed through course applications encourage innovation in problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, time management, stress management, communication and social competency. Students are guided in transferring acquired marketable skills to the contemporary workplace, balancing preparation for professional musical careers with personal and artistic fulfillment.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
MUSC 130	Introduction to Music Performance <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 204	Music Theory I <sup>1</sup>	2
MUSC 208	Musicianship I <sup>1</sup>	1
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#American-History">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#American-History</a> )		3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-Physical-Sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-Physical-Sciences</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
Spring		
MUSC 140	Introduction to InterArts Performance <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 220	Music History Survey <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 205	Music Theory II <sup>1</sup>	2
MUSC 210	Musicianship II <sup>1</sup>	1
Mathematics ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Mathematics">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Mathematics</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
MUSC 206	Music Theory III <sup>1</sup>	2
MUSC 212	Musicianship III <sup>1</sup>	1

American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#American-History">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#American-History</a> )		3
Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Communication">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Communication</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
Topics in music <sup>1,4</sup>		3
General elective <sup>5</sup>		3

**Semester Credit Hours 17**

### Spring

MUSC 230	Topics in Music Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3
Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Communication">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Communication</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
Topics in music <sup>1,4</sup>		3
General elective <sup>5</sup>		3

**Semester Credit Hours 14**

### Third Year

#### Fall

MUSC 300	Music Research and Writing <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 324/ ANTH 324	Music in World Cultures <sup>1</sup>	3
MUSC 330	Music Performance Project <sup>1</sup>	3
Government/Political Science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Government-Political-Science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Government-Political-Science</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
Music technology <sup>1,6</sup>		3

**Semester Credit Hours 17**

#### Spring

MUSC 305	Music Entrepreneurship <sup>1</sup>	3
Government/Political Science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Government-Political-Science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Government-Political-Science</a> )		3
Ensemble performance <sup>1,2</sup>		1
Individual performance instruction <sup>1,3</sup>		1
Performance history <sup>1,7</sup>		3
General elective <sup>5</sup>		3

**Semester Credit Hours 14**

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

MUSC 430	Music Performance Studio <sup>1</sup>	3
Life and physical science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Life-and-Physical-Science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Life-and-Physical-Science</a> )		3
Mathematics ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Mathematics">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Mathematics</a> )		3
General elective <sup>5</sup>		3

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<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
MUSC 441 Music Performance Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Language-Philosophy-and-Culture">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Language-Philosophy-and-Culture</a> )	3
Life and physical science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Life-and-Physical-Science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Life-and-Physical-Science</a> )	3
Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Social-and-Behavioral-Sciences">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#Social-and-Behavioral-Sciences</a> )	3
General elective <sup>5</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must make a grade of C or better.

<sup>2</sup> Select from MUSC 277, MUSC 280, MUSC 282, MUSC 283, MUSC 290, MUSC 381. 3 credits must be taken at the 300 level.

<sup>3</sup> Select from MUSC 245, MUSC 253, MUSC 254, MUSC 255, MUSC 256, MUSC 270, MUSC 271, MUSC 272, MUSC 273, MUSC 353, MUSC 354, MUSC 355, MUSC 356, MUSC 370, MUSC 371, MUSC 372, MUSC 373, MUSC 375. 3 credits must be taken at the 300 level.

<sup>4</sup> Select from MSTC 150, MSTC 417; MUSC 200, MUSC 221, MUSC 222, MUSC 224, MUSC 225, MUSC 226, MUSC 241, MUSC 242, MUSC 243, MUSC 244, MUSC 246, MUSC 323, MUSC 327/AFST 327, MUSC 424; PERF 328.

<sup>5</sup> Select from any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. 9 hours must be 300-400 level courses.

<sup>6</sup> Select from MSTC 101, MSTC 221, MSTC 223; MUSC 115, MUSC 203.

<sup>7</sup> Select from MUSC 311, MUSC 312, MUSC 315, PERF 310, PERF 311, PERF 312