Music Learning and Teaching, BMUS

Are you curious about how people learn music and why people create music? Are you interested in finding ways to help others be successful at learning and creating music that interests them? In our program, you will gain the knowledge and skills you need to help others participate in active music-making.

Program Description

In the BMUS program in music learning and teaching, students develop skills to become a music educator in a variety of K-12 school and community settings. Coursework and lab participation develops strong pedagogical skills and flexible musicianship, to deepen and broaden student's music making in varied styles and contexts, including contemporary digital music making. They also develop the abilities to facilitate people's music engagement and learning in varied settings.

Upon completion, students can earn a K-12 teaching certification with multistate reciprocity.

At a Glance

- College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- Location: Tempe campus
- Additional Program Fee: Yes
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: Any math course that meets the MA designation.
- Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a double major) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

Important: Applicants must submit an ASU application for undergraduate admission in addition to a separate School of Music, Dance and Theatre application. Students should visit https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/admissions/music/undergraduate-steps-to-apply for details. Admission to the School of Music, Dance and Theatre is based on an audition. Auditions take place in November (spring admission) and in January and February (fall admission) of each year. Applicants may review audition information at https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/admissions/music/undergraduate-auditions.

Admission to the music program is highly selective and based on an audition process. Students are admitted as music audition students and must successfully complete the audition before enrolling in music major courses. Upon admission to both ASU and the School of Music, Dance and Theatre, the applicant’s major is changed to music. In the event a student is admitted to ASU but not to the School of Music, Dance and Theatre or misses the audition deadline, the student remains as a music audition major and needs to successfully pass the music audition milestone in the first semester in order to gain admission into the program.

Application Deadlines: Students should visit https://musicdancetheatre.asu.edu/admissions/music/undergraduate-deadlines-fees for complete music deadlines.

Spring admission: The deadline to apply for admission to this program is October 15.

Fall admission: The deadline to apply for admission to this program is January 5.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer Applicants: Transfer of courses from other accredited institutions is subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college’s curriculum, and departmental or school evaluation of studio and class piano courses with respect to performance standards.
Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the institute must complete a minimum of 15 resident credit hours in the major as approved by the faculty.

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**Change of Major Requirements**

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute or one of its programs must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared to teach in public and private school music programs that offer a variety of music classes, including general music, choir, band, orchestra, strings, guitar, jazz, music production, music technology and popular music.

Graduates work in various professional or entrepreneurial capacities, including:

- performing in community and professional ensembles in a variety of styles and traditions or as a freelance musician in venues, such as art galleries, churches, clubs, cruise ships, resorts, restaurants and theme parks
- presenting school and community programs as artist-in-residence
- teaching and directing in a private studio or community programs
- working in music-related fields such as media production, music business, publishing, marketing and education.

Many graduates pursue a master's degree or a doctorate in music learning and teaching, in music or the arts, or in another professional field.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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Professional Licensure
ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage: https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure.

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