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Theory and Composition (Composition), **BMUS**




School/College: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
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Term 1 0 - 15 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Milestone: Music students must successfully complete an entrance audition into the major before enrolling at ASU.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students. MUP 101: The ASU School of Music Experience required of all first-year students. Completion of Piano Diagnostic Exam determines placement into Class Piano courses. Applicability of transfer credit for ensemble and studio instruction is determined based on successful completion of audition and review of transcripts. Students that passed an instrumental audition should enroll in the MUP Studio Instruction class in which they were placed; students that did not pass the audition should enroll in MTC 294: Instrumentation. Courses offered in fall semesters only: MTC 125, MTC 294, MUP 101, MUP 131. Complete a resume in MUP 101. Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor.
 Milestone: Music students must successfully complete the music theory diagnostic exam before enrolling in School of Music, Dance and Theatre courses.			
 MTC 123: Beginning Composition	1	C	
 MTC 125: Music Theory I	3	C	
 MUP 101: The ASU School of Music Experience	1	C	
 4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C	
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
MTC 294: Instrumentation OR MTC Elective OR MUE 3** Elective OR MUP 111: Studio Instruction OR MUP 121: Studio Instruction OR MUP 311: Studio Instruction OR MUP 321: Studio Instruction	2	C	
MUP 131: Class Piano	1	C	
Mathematics (MATH)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

Term 2 15 - 29 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MTC 123: Beginning Composition	1	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicability of transfer credit for ensemble and studio instruction is determined based on successful completion of audition and review of transcripts. Student that passed an instrumental audition should enroll in the MUP Studio Instruction class in which they were placed; students that did not pass the audition should enroll in a MTC or MUE elective. Courses offered in spring semesters only: MTC 221, MUP 132. Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor. Familiarize yourself with information about musicians' health.
 MTC 221: Music Theory II	3	C	
 4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C	
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
MHL 140: Sounds and Cultures (GCSI OR HU & G)	3	C	
MTC Elective OR MUE 3** Elective OR MUP 111: Studio Instruction OR MUP 121: Studio Instruction OR MUP 311: Studio Instruction OR MUP 321: Studio Instruction	2	C	
MUP 132: Class Piano	1	C	
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Term hours subtotal:	14		

Term 3 29 - 44 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MTC 123: Beginning Composition	1	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicability of transfer credit for ensemble and studio instruction is determined based on successful completion of audition and review of transcripts. • Students that passed an instrumental audition should enroll in the MUP Studio Instruction class in which they were placed; students that did not pass the audition should enroll in a MTC or MUE elective (Students that did not take MTC 294: Instrumentation in term 1 should enroll in the class). • Courses offered in fall semesters only: MTC 222, MTC 294, MUP 231. • Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor. • Talk to your studio instructor about ways to enhance your performance skills, and about appropriate ensemble and performance experiences. • Develop a network of student performers who can read and perform your works.
 MTC 222: Music Theory III	3	C	
 4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C	
MTC 294: Instrumentation OR MTC Elective OR MUE 3** Elective OR MUP 111: Studio Instruction OR MUP 121: Studio Instruction OR MUP 311: Studio Instruction OR MUP 321: Studio Instruction	2	C	
MUP 231: Class Piano	1	C	
Quantitative Reasoning (QTRS) (MHL 201 recommended)	3		
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
 Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.			
 Complete MUP 131.			
Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
Term hours subtotal:	15		

Term 4 44 - 61 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MTC 123: Beginning Composition	1	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicability of transfer credit for ensemble and studio instruction is determined based on successful completion of audition and review of transcripts. • Students that passed an instrumental audition should enroll in the MUP Studio Instruction class in which they were placed; students that did not pass the audition should enroll in a MTC or MUE elective. • Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor. • See approved course list below for Music Theory Core Elective. Classes are offered on a rotational basis. • Course offered in fall semesters only: MTC 422. • Courses offered in spring semesters only: MTC 223, MTC 225, MTC 321 (even spring), MTC 440, MTC 441, MTC 494 (Analysis of Song), MUP 232.
 4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C	
MTC 321: Tonal Counterpoint	2	C	
MUP 232: Class Piano	1	C	
MTC Elective OR MUE 3** Elective OR MUP 111: Studio Instruction OR MUP 121: Studio Instruction OR MUP 311: Studio Instruction OR MUP 321: Studio Instruction	2	C	
Music Theory Core Elective	3	C	
Scientific Thinking in Natural Sciences (SCIT)	4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBE)	3		
 Complete MUP 132.			
Term hours subtotal:	17		

Term 5 61 - 76 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MTC 323: Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete one semester of conducting by end of Term 6; students may choose either MUP 209 or MUP 210. • Courses offered in fall semesters only: MTC 320 (odd fall), MTC 327 (even fall), MUP 210. • Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor.
 Upper Division MHL Through Present Time Course	3	C	
MTC 320: Modal Counterpoint	2	C	
MTC 327: Form and Analysis I	3	C	
MUP 209: Beginning Choral Conducting OR MUP 210: Beginning Instrumental Conducting	1	C	

4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C
MHL OR MTC OR MUP OR MUE OR MDC OR MSC Elective	2	C
★ Complete MUP 231.		
Term hours subtotal:	15	

Term 6 76 - 92 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ MTC 323: Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course offered in spring semesters only: MTC 433. Gather a list of professional references. Ensemble placement is by audition. For questions, see your studio instructor.
★ MTC 433: Orchestration	3	C	
★ MHL Upper Division Elective AND Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3	C	
4** (400-Level) MUP Music Ensemble	1	C	
MHL OR MTC OR MUP OR MUE OR MDC OR MSC Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3		
★ Complete MUP 209 OR MUP 210.			
★ Complete MUP 232.			
Term hours subtotal:	16		

Term 7 92 - 106 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ MTC 323: Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses offered in fall semesters only: MTC 425, MTC 436.
★ MHL Upper Division Elective AND Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3	C	
MTC 425: Studies in 20th- and 21st-Century Theory	3	C	
MTC 436: Electronic Studio Techniques I	2	C	
American Institutions (AMIT)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	14		

Term 8 106 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ MTC 323: Composition	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare, publicize, and present a public performance.
★ MTC 495: Final Project	0	Y	
MTC Upper Division Elective OR MTC 484: Internship	3	C	
Complete 2 courses: MHL OR MTC OR MUP OR MUE OR MDC OR MSC Elective	5-6	C	
Sustainability (SUST)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	14-15		

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4** (400-Level) MUP Ensembles Course List	Upper Division MHL Through Present Time Course List	Music Theory Core Elective
MUP 442: Instrumental Ensembles	MHL 342: Music History II (HU)	MTC 223: Music Theory: 20th Century
MUP 443: Choral Ensembles	MHL 344: Music in World Cultures (HU & G)	MTC 225: Popular Music Theory
MUP 444: Maroon and Gold Concert Band	MHL 363: Survey of Russian Music (HU)	MTC 294: Introduction to Music Cognition
MUP 450: Choral Union	MHL 365: Popular Music and Race ((L or HU) & C)	MTC 422: Musical Acoustics
MUP 455: Canticum Bassum		MTC 440: Jazz Theory and Ear Training
MUP 457: Sol Singers		MTC 441: Jazz Composition

MUP 458: ASU Gospel Choir	MHL 440: Topics in 20th-Century Music (L or HU)	MTC 494: Analysis of Song
MUP 476: New Music Ensemble		MTC 494: Composing for Film and Media
MUP 479: Baroque Ensemble	MHL 441: Concerts in the 20th Century (HU)	
MUP 479: Bass	MHL 445: Music of the Silk Road (HU & G)	
MUP 479: Brass Chamber Ensembles		
MUP 479: Flute Choir	MHL 447: Music and Healing (HU & H & G)	
MUP 479: Guitar Ensemble	MHL 494: Recycled Music: Medieval to Modern	
MUP 479: Piano Ensemble		
MUP 479: Piano/String/Woodwind/Brass		
MUP 479: Saxophone Choir		
MUP 479: Small Saxophone Ensembles		
MUP 479: Strings		
MUP 479: Trombone Ensemble		
MUP 479: Tuba Ensemble		
MUP 479: Woodwinds		
MUP 485: Percussion Ensemble		
MUP 486: Concert Jazz Band		
MUP 486: Jazz Repertory Band		
MUP 486: Latin Jazz Ensemble		
MUP 489: Ethnomusicology Ensembles		

- **Total Hours:** 120
- **Upper Division Hours:** 45 minimum
- **University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements**

Notes:

Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.