

MAJOR IN MUSIC STUDIES

The School of Music at the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading music schools. It is the ideal place to nurture your passion for all things musical and to pursue the rigorous training needed for an active and successful career in the field. We maintain close ties with renowned institutions such as the National Arts Centre (NAC) and the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra. Our program boasts state-of-the-art music facilities and internationally recognized professors who perform around the globe and publish in leading academic journals. We are a full-service music school offering programs in performance, composition, music education, theory and musicology.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/music/undergraduate-studies/music/>)

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory course at the 1000 level

MUS 1303	Materials of Music I	3 Units
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Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

MUS 2365	Music: The Big Questions I	3 Units
MUS 2366	Music: The Big Questions II	3 Units
MUS 2367	Indigenous Musics	3 Units
MUS 2368	Music and Identity	3 Units

Optional courses

6 optional course units from:	6 Units
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MUS 1191	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General	¹
MUS 1194	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched	¹
MUS 1901	Solo Performance Studies	³
MUS 2304	The Sound of Rock	
MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I	²
MUS 2307	Theory and Analysis II	
MUS 2310	Music in the Movies	
MUS 2382	Introduction to World Music	

15 optional course units from:	15 Units
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MUS 3110	Music Education I	
MUS 3111	Music Education II	
MUS 3307	Theory and Analysis IV	²
MUS 3308	Popular Music in Society	
MUS 3315	Music and Computers I	
MUS 3365	Music and Genre	
MUS 3366	Music and Text	

MUS 3367	Musical Entrepreneurship	
MUS 3901	Orchestra	³
MUS 3902	Wind Ensemble	³
MUS 3903	Opera Production	³
MUS 3904	Choral Ensemble	³
MUS 3907	Guitar Ensemble	³
MUS 3916	Piano Ensemble	³
MUS 3925	Orchestration	
MUS 3951	Instrumental Classes - Guitar	
MUS 3953	Instrumental Classes - Recorder	
MUS 3955	Compositional Techniques	
6 optional course units from:		6 Units
MUS 4301	Selected Topics in Musicology	³
MUS 4302	Selected Topics in Music Education	³
MUS 4310	Selected Topics in Music Theory and Analysis	³
MUS 4315	Topics in Music Technology	³
MUS 4910	Practicum	
MUS 4912	Arranging	
MUS 4924	Research Project I	
MUS 4928	Advanced Research in Music: Tools and Methods	

Total:	42 Units
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Note(s)

- ¹ A written test at the beginning of the course MUS 1191 will determine placement in an additional weekly lab.
- ² A written test at the beginning of the course MUS 2306 will determine if the student must also enrol for MUS 1303.
- ³ Enrolment subject to audition, prerequisite, and/or permission of the School of Music.