

BACHELOR OF MUSIC AND HONOURS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH MAJOR

Music

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, piano pedagogy, theory and musicology.

Although any of our programs can pave the way for a career in education, musicology, music journalism or arts administration, the Bachelor of Music (BMus) is designed specifically for students wishing to become career musicians. Admission to the BMus therefore requires that you audition on your main instrument and demonstrate an intermediate or advanced level. In addition, the University of Ottawa is one of the only institutions in the country to offer the possibility of combining the BMus program in performance with a major in science.

Science

This program lets you explore different scientific disciplines and thus acquire a broad background in all the sciences. If along the way you develop an interest in a particular field, you can transfer to the program in question.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

Do you love music and science? Would you like to develop your musical abilities to their full potential while doing advanced studies in the sciences? Now you can do so thanks to a new bachelor's program offered jointly by the University of Ottawa's faculties of Arts, Science and Engineering. Acquire in-depth knowledge and pursue rigorous training in music and science in this new program, the first of its kind in Canada!

The combined Bachelor of Music and Science program was created for students who would like to be able to work in either field and are interested in developing their skills in both disciplines. This five-year combined program leads to a degree in music (BMus) and in science (BSc) and opens the door to graduate studies. To be admitted to the program, students must be accepted into the Bachelor of Music, successfully complete an instrument or voice audition, demonstrating outstanding abilities, and meet the Bachelor of Science admission criteria.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Bachelor of Music (BMus) (90 units)

Basic Skills

3 course units from: 3 Units

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
Compulsory courses at the 1000 level		
MUS 1031	Applied Music I: Performance BMUS/BSC ²	6 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 1191 Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General ³		
MUS 1194 Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched		
Compulsory courses at the 2000 level		
MUS 2031	BSC/Applied Music II: Performance BMUS/BSC ²	6 Units
MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I ³	3 Units
MUS 2307	Theory and Analysis II	3 Units
MUS 2331	Forms and Styles I: Middle Ages and Renaissance	3 Units
MUS 2332	Forms and Styles II: Baroque and Early Classical	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 2191 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: General		
MUS 2194 Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Enriched		
Compulsory courses at the 3000 level		
MUS 3031	Applied Music III: Performance BMUS/BSC ²	6 Units
MUS 3306	Theory and Analysis III	3 Units
MUS 3307	Theory and Analysis IV	3 Units
MUS 3333	Forms and Styles III: Late Classical and Early Romantic	3 Units
MUS 3334	Forms and Styles IV: Late Romantic and Early Modern	3 Units
MUS 3335	Twentieth-Century Music	3 Units
Optional Courses		
9 course units of ensembles from: ⁴		9 Units
MUS 3901 Orchestra		
MUS 3902 Wind Ensemble		
MUS 3903 Opera Production		
MUS 3904 Choral Ensemble		
MUS 3907 Guitar Ensemble		
MUS 3916 Piano Ensemble		
6 course units from:		6 Units
MUS 4301 Seminar I ⁴		
MUS 4310 Selected Topics in Score Analysis ⁴		
18 optional course units in music (MUS) with the possibility of taking 9 course units of ensemble courses from the list of optional ensemble courses ⁴		18 Units
3 course units in French as a second language (FLS) ¹		3 Units
Honours Bachelor of Science with Major (BSc) (60 units)		
60 course units from any already existing science major leading to the Bachelor of Science ⁵		60 Units
Total:		150 Units

All non-keyboard majors must submit to a proficiency exam at a Grade VI RCMT set by the School of Music at the end of the second year. This exam must be completed successfully by the end of the fifth year to obtain the BMus/BSc degree.

Courses are selected through tutorial consultation. The Department determines the order in which some courses must be taken and can impose any courses deemed necessary for the musical development of the student: these courses may be chosen in departments other than music.

Note(s)

¹ An exemption for this requirement is given to students who obtain an equivalency for the language-proficiency test (FLS 3500) or who take a MUS course offered in French.

² Student failing an applied music course (MUS 1031, MUS 2031, MUS 3031) will be asked by the department to withdraw from BMus/ BSc.

³ A written test at the beginning of courses MUS 1191 and MUS 2306 will determine placement in an additional weekly lab.

⁴ Students may repeat the same course code more than once.

⁵ For more details, check the calendars of the Faculty of Science or Engineering.

List of optional ensemble courses

MUS 3901	Orchestra	3 Units
MUS 3902	Wind Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3903	Opera Production	3 Units
MUS 3904	Choral Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3905	Calixa-Lavallée Choir	3 Units
MUS 3907	Guitar Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3908	Jazz Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3909	Brass Choir	3 Units
MUS 3910	Brass Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3911	Woodwind Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3913	Percussion Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3914	Contemporary Music Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3915	Mixed Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3916	Piano Ensemble	3 Units
MUS 3917	Accompaniment	3 Units