Music, BA

Program Description

The BA in music provides students with a broadly based liberal arts degree applicable to careers in music and many other fields. The curricular core of the Bachelor of Arts in music provides more flexibility than a BMus, leading students to develop mainstream and alternative musical competencies; to explore music as human history, cultural artifact and social behavior; and to pursue other areas of interest.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 OR MAT 119
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2019 - 2020 Major Map](#)
- [Major Map (Archives)](#)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- [Creative Enterprise and Cultural Leadership, MA](#)
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

**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 application. Students should visit [https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-steps-to-apply](https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-steps-to-apply) for details. Admission to the School of Music is based on an audition. Live auditions take place on campus in November (spring admission) and in January and February (fall admission) of each year. Applicants may review audition information at [http://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-auditions](http://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-auditions).

Admission to the School of Music 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, the applicant's major will be changed to music. In the event a student is admitted to ASU but not to the School of Music or misses the audition deadline, the student will remain as a music audition major and will need 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://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-deadlines-fees](https://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-deadlines-fees) for complete music deadlines.

**Spring 2020:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is Oct. 15, 2019.

**Fall 2020:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is Jan. 5, 2020.

**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 credit 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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) 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 the [Transfer Map search](https://transfer.asu.edu/map) 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 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/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain 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 may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared to work in various professional or entrepreneurial capacities, including:

- music criticism and research, ethnomusicology and musicology
- music entrepreneurship, concert management and promotion
- music publishing
- performing in community and professional ensembles in a variety of styles and traditions
- teaching in a private studio or community program

Many graduates pursue a master's degree or a doctorate in music or 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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