Program Description

Students pursuing the BMus in theory and composition must choose a concentration in either theory or composition, and completion of the requirements for this concentration result in the award of one degree in either theory or composition. Students who select the concentration in theory focus on the theoretical study of music. The School of Music offers students the opportunity to study with theorists who have established national and international reputations. This program may be used as the first step toward a master's degree or doctorate in music theory or another graduate academic music degree.

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:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 OR MAT 119
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

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

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

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 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.

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 http://music.asu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-deadlines-fees for complete music deadlines.

**Spring 2019:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is **Oct. 15, 2018.**

**Fall 2019:** The deadline to apply for admission to this program is **Jan. 4, 2019.**

**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.

**Change of Major Requirements**
An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A"). Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Rio Salado College
- Scottsdale Community College
- South Mountain Community College

Transfer from an Arizona Community College

- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Gila Community College
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Tohono O'odham Community College
- Yavapai College

Transfer from another state

- California
- Illinois
- Washington
- Another state
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/.

Career Opportunities

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

- arranging
- composing
- performing in community and professional ensembles in a variety of styles and traditions
- presenting school programs, or state or community arts councils as artist-in-residence
- teaching in a private studio or community program
- teaching theory and composition
- working in music-related fields such as media production, music business, publishing and marketing

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