

MUSIC THEORY AND COMPOSITION (BM)

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Program Description

The Bachelor of Music Program in Music Theory and Composition combines a liberal arts education with coursework in music theory and composition to prepare students for a variety of careers in the music industry. Students are actively involved in the organization and performance of their own works, in concerts and readings by NYU performance groups in residence, in school performing ensembles, as well as in chamber groups specially hired for specific composition concerts. Through the weekly Composers Forum, students meet and work with composers and performers, prepare two student showcases per semester, and attend highlights in the New York City new music concert season.

Composition majors have many opportunities to collaborate with performers, dancers, actors, and multimedia applications, which include music technology, jazz studies, and instrumental and vocal performance programs, and to work with musicians and other artists from New York City.

Concentrations

The program offers three concentrations:

Concert Music

Students in this concentration take courses in orchestration and conducting, have multiple opportunities to have their concert works performed in concerts, residencies, and readings by NYU performance groups, and collaborate with performers, dancers, and actors.

Contemporary Songwriting and Production

Students in this concentration study the music industry and the craft of writing, producing, and recording songs, through intensive course work and collaboration with professional musicians. The concentration includes courses in songwriting history and criticism, studio production skills and techniques, and the business structure of the music industry. Students take private lessons, learn to use industry-standard music technology, and participate in the Songwriters Forum, a seminar geared toward developing the art and craft of writing popular songs.

Screen Scoring

This concentration is designed to provide the diverse knowledge necessary for working with visual media. Coursework and other activities focus on technology, composition, aesthetics, and historical approaches for music written for the screen.

Majors in Screen Scoring may consider a dual degree option which enables them to complete a master's degree in Music Theory and Composition: Screen Scoring. Interested students should consult with their advisor for more information.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application

requirements, see [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

See [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) for admission requirements and instructions specific to each concentration:

- Concert Music (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/bm-music-theory-and-composition-concert-music/how-audition/>)
- Contemporary Production and Songwriting (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/bm-music-theory-and-composition-contemporary-production-and-songwriting/how-audition/>)
- Screen Scoring (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/bm-music-theory-and-composition-screen-scoring/how-audition/>)

Program Requirements

Concert Music

Course	Title	Credits
Liberal Arts Requirements		
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
Select four credits of a foreign language		4
<i>Expository Writing</i>		
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
ACE-UE 110	Advanced Writing and Research	4
<i>Foundations of Contemporary Culture</i>		
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
<i>Foundations of Scientific Inquiry</i>		
Quantitative Reasoning/Mathematics		4
Physical/Life Science/Societies and the Social Sciences		4
<i>Other Liberal Arts Requirements</i>		
MPATC-UE 1067	Music History I	2
MPATC-UE 1068	Music History II: Baroque & Classical	2
MPATC-UE 1077	Music History III	2
Select 2 credits from the following, by advisement		2
MPATC-UE 1123	Global Soundscapes: A Survey of Musical Traditions	
MPATC-UE 1048	Music History: Gender and Sexuality in Music	
MPATC-UE 1079	Music History: Music & Protest	
MPATC-UE 1086	Music of East and Southeast Asia, Past and Present	
MPATC-UE 1195	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs I	
MPATC-UE 1196	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs II	
MPAVP-UE 1351	Music Theatre Hist I	
MPAVP-UE 1352	Music Theatre Hist II	
MPATC-UE 1123	Global Soundscapes: A Survey of Musical Traditions	
MPAJZ-UE 1121	Jazz History	
MPATC-UE xxxx Music History: American Music		

MPAJZ-UE 160x Jazz music history course by advisement

Unrestricted Liberal Arts Elective

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Specialization Requirements*Required Music Courses*

MPATC-UE 1302	Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music	1
MPATC-UE 1321	Aural Skills II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	1
MPATC-UE 1341	Advanced Aural Skills: Chromatic Harmony	1
MPATC-UE 1342	Advanced Aural Skills: 20th and 21st Century	1
MPATC-UE 1301	Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music ¹	2
MPATC-UE 1311	Theory & Practice II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	2
MPATC-UE 1331	Advanced Theory & Practice: Chromatic Harmony & Form	2
MPATC-UE 1332	Advanced Theory & Practice: 20th and 21st Century Music	2
MPAPE-UE 72	Keyboard Skills I	1
MPAPE-UE 73	Keyboard Skills II	1
MPATC-UE 1092	Junior Experience	1
MPATC-UE 1192	Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone	1
<i>Music Composition Specialization Courses</i>		
MPAPS-UE 1261	Percussion Practicum for Composition	2
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons) ²	24
MPATC-UE 1088	Orchestration I	3
MPAMB-UE 100	Business Structure of The Music Industry ³	2
or MPATC-UE 1156	Rights, Revenue & Relationships: Career-Building for Music Creators	
or MPATC-UE 1157	Music Copyright: Landmark Cases	
MPATE-UE 1801	Fundamentals of Music Technology	2
<i>Concert Music Concentration Courses</i>		
MPATC-UE 1018	16th-Century Counterpoint	2
or MPATC-UE 1019	18th-Century Counterpoint	
MPATC-UE 1098	Orchestration II	3
MPATC-GE 2082	Advanced Orchestration: Concert Music	3
<i>Seminar in Composition</i>		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum (8 semesters for 1 credit)	1
<i>Unrestricted Electives</i>		
SAHS-UE 1	New Student Seminar	0
<i>Writing Proficiency Examination</i>		
Total Credits	128	

¹ Students are placed into this course through a placement exam.

Students who do not place into this course will first enroll in MPATC-UE 1300 Music Fundamentals.

² Students take this 3-credit course every semester for 8 semesters.³ Students who take this 3 credit course will take one fewer elective credit.

Contemporary Songwriting and Production

Course	Title	Credits
Liberal Arts Requirements		
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
Select four credits of a foreign language		
<i>Expository Writing</i>		
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
ACE-UE 110	Advanced Writing and Research	4
<i>Foundations of Contemporary Culture</i>		
Texts and Ideas		
Cultures and Contexts		
<i>Foundations of Scientific Inquiry</i>		
Quantitative Reasoning/Mathematics		
<i>Physical/Life Science/Societies and the Social Sciences</i>		
<i>Other Liberal Arts Requirements</i>		
MPATC-UE 1195	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs I (14 Songs)	2
MPATC-UE 1196	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs II	2
Select two additional music history courses by advisement		
<i>Unrestricted Liberal Arts Elective</i>		
Specialization Requirements		
<i>Required Music Courses</i>		
MPATC-UE 1302	Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music	1
MPATC-UE 1322	Aural Skills II: Popular Music	1
MPATC-UE 1301	Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music ¹	2
MPATC-UE 1312	Theory & Practice II: Popular Music	2
MPATC-UE 1344	Advanced Aural Skills: Popular Music Transcription	1
MPAJZ-UE 1039	Jazz Theory & Ear Training I	2
MPAPE-UE 72	Keyboard Skills I	1
MPAPE-UE 73	Keyboard Skills II	1
MPATC-UE 1092	Junior Experience	1
<i>Music Composition Specialization Courses</i>		
MPATC-UE 1634	Drums, Drum Machines and DAWs	2
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons) ²	24
MPATC-UE 1088	Orchestration I	3
MPATC-UE 1156	Rights, Revenue & Relationships: Career-Building for Music Creators	2
MPATE-UE 1801	Fundamentals of Music Technology	2
<i>Concentration in Contemporary Songwriting and Production</i>		
MPATC-UE 1052	Introduction to Songwriting	2
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum (2 semesters for 1 credit)	2
MPATC-UE 1190	Songwriters Forum (2 semesters for 2 credits)	4
MPATC-UE 1501	Narrative and Theatrical Songwriting	3
MPATC-GE 2637	Production for Songwriters	3
or MPATC-GE 2638	Production for Producers	
MPATC-UE 1049	Contemporary Scoring: Creative & Technological Practices	3
MPATC-UE 1051	Introduction to Production	2
MPATC-UE 1192	Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone	1

MPATC-UE xxxx By Advisement	3	<i>Required Music Courses</i>
<i>Unrestricted Electives</i>		MPATC-UE 1302 Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music 1
Select 20 elective credits. May include MPAMB-UE 1320 Music Business Internship for 1-6 credits.	20	MPATC-UE 1321 Aural Skills II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading 1
<i>Additional Requirements</i>		MPATC-UE 1301 Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music ¹ 2
SAHS-UE 1 New Student Seminar 0		MPATC-UE 1311 Theory & Practice II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading 2
Writing Proficiency Examination		MPAPE-UE 72 Keyboard Skills I 1
Total Credits	128	MPAPE-UE 73 Keyboard Skills II 1

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² Students take this 3-credit course every semester for 8 semesters.

Screen Scoring

Course	Title	Credits
Liberal Arts Requirements		
<i>Foreign Language</i>		
Select four credits of a foreign language 4		
<i>Expository Writing</i>		
EXPOS-UA 1 Writing as Inquiry 4		
ACE-UE 110 Advanced Writing and Research 4		
<i>Foundations of Contemporary Culture</i>		
Texts and Ideas 4		
Cultures and Contexts 4		
<i>Foundations of Scientific Inquiry</i>		
Quantitative Reasoning/Mathematics/Computer Science 4		
Physical/Life Science/Societies and Social Sciences 4		
<i>Other Liberal Arts Requirements</i>		
MPATC-UE 1500 Film Music: Historical Aesthetics/Perspectives 2		
Select 6 credits from the following by advisement: 6		
MPATC-UE 1067 Music History I		
MPATC-UE 1068 Music History II: Baroque & Classical		
MPATC-UE 1077 Music History III		
MPATC-UE 1078 Music History IV: Twentieth Century		
MPATC-UE 1195 Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs I (14 Songs)		
MPATC-UE 1196 Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs II		
MPAVP-UE 1351 Music Theatre Hist I		
MPAVP-UE 1352 Music Theatre Hist II		
Jazz music history course by advisement		
MPATC-UE 1123 Global Soundscapes: A Survey of Musical Traditions 4		
MPAJZ-UE 1121 Jazz History		
<i>Unrestricted Liberal Arts Elective</i>		
Specialization Requirements		
<i>Screen Scoring Specialization Courses</i>		
7 semesters of a combination of MPATC-UE 1050 and MPATC-UE 1424 by advisement (1 point per course per semester) 7		
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum		
MPATC-UE 1050 MIDI and DAW Production Studio		
MPATC-UE 1247 Screen Scoring Foundations: Harmony and Narrative 3		
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons) ² 24		
MPATE-UE 1801 Fundamentals of Music Technology 2		
MPAMB-UE 100 Business Structure of The Music Industry ³ 2		
or MPATC-UE 1156 Rights, Revenue & Relationships: Career-Building for Music Creators		
or MPATC-UE 1157 Music Copyright: Landmark Cases		
MPAPS-UE 1261 Percussion Practicum for Composition 2		
MPATC-UE 1088 Orchestration I 3		
MPATC-UE 1098 Orchestration II 3		
MPATC-GE 2081 Advanced Orchestration: Screen Scoring 3		
MPATC-UE 1049 Contemporary Scoring: Creative & Technological Practices 3		
MPATC-UE 1248 Composing for Film and Multimedia 3		
MPATC-GE 2555 Music Editing for Screen Music 3		
MPATC-UE 1192 Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone 1		
MPATC-UE 1092 Junior Experience 1		
MPATC-UE 1xxx Screen Scoring Recording Sessions ⁴ 4		
<i>Unrestricted Electives</i>		
Select 16 Unrestricted Elective credits. May include MPAMB-UE 1320 Music Business Internship for 1-6 credits. 16		
<i>Additional Requirements</i>		
SAHS-UE 1 New Student Seminar 0		
Writing Proficiency Examination		
Total Credits	128	

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² Students take this 3-credit course every semester for 8 semesters.

³ Students who take this 3 credit course will take one fewer elective credit.

⁴ Students take this 1 credit course for 4 semesters in their junior and senior years.

Sample Plan of Study

Concert Music

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1301	Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music	2
MPATC-UE 1302	Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music	1
MPAPE-UE 72	Keyboard Skills I	1
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
MPATE-UE 1801	Fundamentals of Music Technology	2
MPATC-GE 2429	Music Notation	1
Credits		15
2nd Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1088	Orchestration I	3
MPATC-UE 1311	Theory & Practice II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	2
MPATC-UE 1321	Aural Skills II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	1
MPAPE-UE 73	Keyboard Skills II	1
ACE-UE 110	Advanced Writing and Research	4
MPAPS-UE 1261	Percussion Practicum for Composition	2
Credits		17
3rd Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1098	Orchestration II	3
MPATC-UE 1331	Advanced Theory & Practice: Chromatic Harmony & Form	2
MPATC-UE 1341	Advanced Aural Skills: Chromatic Harmony	1
MPATC-UE 1067	Music History I	2
Liberal Arts		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1068	Music History II: Baroque & Classical	2
MPATC-UE 1332	Advanced Theory & Practice: 20th and 21st Century Music	2
MPATC-UE 1342	Advanced Aural Skills: 20th and 21st Century	1
MPATC-UE 1018 or MPATC-UE 1019	16th-Century Counterpoint or 18th-Century Counterpoint	2
Liberal Arts course		4
Credits		15
5th Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1092	Junior Experience	1
MPATC-UE 1112	Advanced Orchestration: Concert Music	3
MPATC-UE 1077	Music History III	2
Liberal Arts		4
Credits		2
6th Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1078	Music History IV: Twentieth Century	2
Seminar in Composition		2
Liberal Arts		4
Credits		16

Electives	Credits	4
7th Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
Seminar in Music Theory		3
Liberal Arts Electives		4
MPATC-UE 1156 or MPAMB-UE 100	Rights, Revenue & Relationships: Career-Building for Music Creators or Business Structure of The Music Industry	2
Electives		5
Credits		18
8th Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1424	Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1192	Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone	1
Electives		10
Credits		15
Total Credits		128
Contemporary Songwriting and Production		
Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
MPATC-UE 1302	Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music	1
MPATC-UE 1301	Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music	2
MPAPE-UE 72	Keyboard Skills I	1
MPATE-UE 1801	Fundamentals of Music Technology	2
MPATC-UE 1052	Introduction to Songwriting	2
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
SAHS-UE 1	New Student Seminar	0
Credits		15
2nd Semester/Term		
ACE-UE 110	Advanced Writing and Research	4
MPATC-UE 1322	Aural Skills II: Popular Music	1
MPATC-UE 1312	Theory & Practice II: Popular Music	2
MPAPE-UE 73	Keyboard Skills II	1
MPATC-UE 1049	Contemporary Scoring: Creative & Technological Practices	3
MPATC-UE 1190	Songwriters Forum	2
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
Texts and Ideas		4
MPATC-UE 1195	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs I	2
MPATC-UE 1344	Advanced Aural Skills: Popular Music Transcription	1
MPAJZ-UE 1039	Jazz Theory & Ear Training I	2
MPATC-UE 1634	Drums, Drum Machines and DAWs	2
MPATC-UE 1501	Narrative and Theatrical Songwriting	3
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Credits		17
4th Semester/Term		
Foreign Language		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
MPATC-UE 1196	Songwriting History and Criticism: 14 Songs II	2
MPATC-UE 1088	Orchestration I	3
MPATC-UE 1021	Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Quantitative Reasoning Mathematics		4

Music History Elective (by advisement)	2	4th Semester/Term	
MPATC-UE 1092 Junior Experience	1	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-GE 2506 Rights, Revenue & Relationships: What Music Creators Need to Know	3	MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPAJZ-UE 1119 Jazz Arranging & Composition I	3	MPATC-UE 1332 Advanced Theory & Practice: 20th and 21st Century Music	2
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1068 Music History II: Baroque & Classical	2
Credits	16	MPATC-UE 1342 Advanced Aural Skills: 20th and 21st Century	1
6th Semester/Term		Liberal Arts course	4
Physical/Life Sciences or Societies and Social Sciences	4	MPATC-GE 2555 Music Editing for Screen Music	3
Music History Elective (by advisement)	2	Credits	16
MPATC-GE 2637 Production for Songwriters or MPATC-GE 2638 Production for Producers	3	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Unrestricted Electives	4	MPATC-UE 1092 Junior Experience	1
Credits	16	MPATC-UE 1077 Music History III	2
7th Semester/Term		Liberal Arts	4
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	Electives	5
MPATC-UE 1190 Songwriters Forum	2	Credits	16
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
Unrestricted Liberal Arts Elective	4	MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Unrestricted Elective (by advisement)	7	MPATC-UE 1078 Music History IV: Twentieth Century	2
Credits	17	Liberal Arts	4
8th Semester/Term		MPATC-GE 2081 Advanced Orchestration: Screen Scoring	3
MPATC-UE 1192 Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone	1	MPATC-UE 1248 Composing for Film and Multimedia	3
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	Credits	16
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
Unrestricted Elective (by advisement)	10	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
Credits	15	MPATC-UE 1500 Film Music: Historical Aesthetics/Perspectives	2
Total Credits	128	Liberal Arts	4
		Electives	6
		Credits	16
7th Semester/Term		MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	MPATC-UE 1500 Film Music: Historical Aesthetics/Perspectives	2
MPATC-UE 1078 Music History IV: Twentieth Century	2	Liberal Arts	4
MPATC-UE 1077 Music History III	2	Electives	6
Liberal Arts	4	Credits	16
MPATC-GE 2081 Advanced Orchestration: Screen Scoring	3	MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1248 Composing for Film and Multimedia	3	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
Credits	17	MPATC-UE 1500 Film Music: Historical Aesthetics/Perspectives	2
Total Credits	128	Liberal Arts	4
		Electives	6
		Credits	16
8th Semester/Term		MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	MPATC-UE 1192 Music Composition Undergraduate Capstone	1
MPATC-UE 1078 Music History IV: Twentieth Century	2	Electives	5
MPATC-UE 1077 Music History III	2	Liberal Arts	4
Liberal Arts	4	Credits	14
MPATC-UE 1248 Composing for Film and Multimedia	3	Total Credits	128
Credits	16		

Screen Scoring

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	
EXPOS-UA 1 Writing as Inquiry	4	
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	
MPATC-UE 1301 Theory & Practice I: Global Approaches to Music	2	
MPATC-UE 1302 Aural Skills I: Global Approaches to Music	1	
MPAPE-UE 72 Keyboard Skills I	1	
MPATE-UE 1801 Fundamentals of Music Technology	2	
MPAPS-UE 1261 Percussion Practicum for Composition	2	
Credits	16	
2nd Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	
MPATC-UE 1088 Orchestration I	3	
MPATC-UE 1311 Theory & Practice II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	2	
MPATC-UE 1321 Aural Skills II: Tonal Harmony & Voice Leading	1	
MPAPE-UE 73 Keyboard Skills II	1	
ACE-UE 110 Advanced Writing and Research	4	
MPATC-UE 1049 Contemporary Scoring: Creative & Technological Practices	3	
Credits	18	
3rd Semester/Term		
MPATC-UE 1424 Composer's Forum	1	
MPATC-UE 1021 Composition (Private Lessons)	3	
MPATC-UE 1098 Orchestration II	3	
Liberal Arts	4	
MPATC-UE 1247 Screen Scoring Foundations: Harmony and Narrative	3	
MPATC-UE 1157 Music Copyright: Landmark Cases	2	
Credits	16	

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Engage in a variety of collaborative environments.
2. Develop foundational capacity as scholars and researchers.
3. Apply their technical skills to future technology and music aesthetics.
4. Be competent in navigating professional landscapes.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in the aesthetics of music composition.

Policies

Program Policies

Effective Fall 2025, students must earn a final grade of at least 70% (C-) in each of the following courses to count them towards their degree progress (for MPAP music majors) and to move on to the next course in theory and aural skills sequence:

- MPATC-UE 1300
- MPATC-UE 1301

- MPATC-UE 1302
- MPATC-UE 1312 & 1322
- MPATC-UE 1321 & 1322

Each course can be attempted a maximum of two times. Attempts include D or F grades on a transcript as well as course withdrawals; term withdrawals/leaves of absence do not factor into the number of attempts. Students who obtain a D or lower in the above Theory and Aural courses will be reviewed by the Committee on Student Progress for Notice of Academic Alert or Notice of Academic Concern. Students who are not able to complete and pass the same theory or aural course with a C- or better after two attempts will be reviewed by the Committee on Student Progress for Notice of Academic Concern or dismissal.

Department Policies

Academic Advisement

Academic advisement is a shared responsibility. As a student, you will be responsible for making decisions about your academic, professional, and personal path. You will work in partnership with your assigned advisor(s) to develop an academic plan and a course of study in alignment with your career goals. In particular, you will:

- Understand the philosophy that guides the discipline/major
- Learn about degree requirements, including prerequisites, electives, and course sequencing
- Develop and maintain an academic plan that meets the requirements for the successful completion of the degree and maintenance of good academic standing
- Plan a program of study that integrates other academic options and opportunities (e.g. study abroad, honors courses, co-curricular and professional activities, minors, etc.)
- Be aware of and adhere to the policies, procedures, and deadlines that guide academic study (e.g. drop/add, registration, pass/fail option, etc.)
- Initiate advising meetings and actively prepare for them by bringing a planned schedule and concerns and/or questions for discussion
- Be familiar with school/university student services and resources and actively seek assistance when needed
- Pursue professional development opportunities by engaging with faculty, alumni/alumnae, professional organizations, and career resources on campus

Engaging with the above responsibilities requires checking your NYU email on a regular (i.e. daily) basis and responding to emails from your advisor in a timely manner. Students who have questions about their academic plan or how courses are falling in their Degree Progress Report should contact their advisors as soon as these questions arise to seek clarification and updates, if needed.

Add/Drop

Registration changes, including credit changes, must be completed before the end of the add/drop period. These dates may be found on the academic calendar (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/academic-calendar.html>). After the add/drop period is over, students may not change the number of credits for which they are registered in a variable credit course. After the end of add/drop, students may not drop a course but must withdraw. Withdrawing from a course is indicated by a "W" on a student's transcript.

In exceptional circumstances beyond the student's control (such as those resulting from administrative or advising errors), advisors may request that a late schedule change be reviewed by the Academic Operations team.

Students should consult with their advisor regarding the number of credits that they register for in a variable credit course. When necessary, advisors will confer with the instructor of the course or program faculty to confirm the requested number of credits. Once confirmed, the student's advisor must request approval and grant it to the student directly before the student may move forward with registration.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for Departmental courses. All students are expected to attend class regularly and to actively participate in class activities. Students who enroll in the course within the drop/add period are excused for the class sessions they miss. Students who must miss class for reasons other than late enrollment are required to notify the instructor in advance via email. All students who miss a class for any reason are responsible for all material covered during the missed class meeting(s).

Our Department does not permit students to "zoom" into in-person courses if they are ill. If a student is unwell and unable to attend class, they will be marked as absent and are responsible for missed course material.

Religious observance (<https://www.nyu.edu/about/policies-guidelines-compliance/policies-and-guidelines/university-calendar-policy-on-religious-holidays.html>), illness (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-success/resources-for-student-success/student-success-resources-for-campus-partners/faculty-guidance-student-support.html#absence>), and family emergencies are grounds for excused absences. If a student cannot attend class for any of the above reasons, they must email the instructor in advance, and all assignments must still be submitted within 24 hours of the due date. If the nature of the absence prevents a student from sending advance notice, they must communicate via email with the instructor as soon as possible for the absence to be excused.

If a student misses more than one week of class or has repeated absences during the term, the instructor will use NYU Connect to notify the student's advisor about attendance concerns so that the advisor can provide appropriate support to the student. Repeated absences may have an impact on the student's participation grade.

Auditing

The Department of Music and Performing Arts Professions does not permit students to audit courses. Students must be registered for the course in order to be able to attend the course. See Auditing Classes (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/registration-policies/#h3_auditing) for more information.

Change of Major

1. Any students who are interested in applying for a change of major (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/registration-policies/#h3_steinhardt-change-of-major), before following the below process, must contact the program advisor for the program to which they plan to apply. They should also be in contact with their current advisor, to indicate their intentions to apply for change of major. See Academic Advising (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/departments/music-and-performing-arts-professions/academic-advising/>) for more information. Please note that changing concentrations (i.e from a Vocal Performance Music Theatre concentration to Classical Voice concentration, or Screen

Scoring to Songwriting) would also necessitate a change of major application.

- a. Students interested in transferring into Vocal Performance must also meet with program faculty.
2. Interested students may apply for Fall or Spring change of major.
3. Students may not apply for a change of major before their second semester of study.
4. At latest, students may begin study in a new NYU school/program as a first-semester junior.
5. For Music Programs: Students must have completed, or placed out of, Music Fundamentals MPATC-UE 1300. If students have completed Theory and Practice 1 and Aural Skills 1, they must have received a passing grade. (Educational Theatre students do not require Music Core courses.)
 - a. Students wishing to transfer into Music Technology must take MPATE-UE 1801 and MPATE-UE 1037/1047 before applying.
 - b. Students wishing to transfer to Music Business must take MPAMB-UE 100 before applying.
 - c. Students wishing to transfer to Screen Scoring must take MPATC-UE 1049, MPATE-UE 1801, MPATC-UE 1311, MPATC-UE 1321, and either MPATC-UE 1021 or MPATC-UE 1032 before they can apply.
 - d. Students wishing to transfer to Concert Composition must take MPATE-UE 1801, MPATC-UE 1311, MPATC-UE 1321, and either MPATC-UE 1021 or MPATC-UE 1033 before they can apply.
6. Students must complete an online application (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjCR_pZAp-bmp5eTO_gXj2UjrUq5_FqkzTUs-78A4Sak4zQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) and submit a statement of purpose (a rationale for their request no more than 350 words).
7. Applications must be received by March 1 for Fall changes of major and November 1 for Spring changes of major. Programs will review applications and hold auditions, if applicable, in March and November. Programs that require auditions are: Instrumental Performance, Music Education, Vocal Performance. Programs that require portfolio review are Music Technology and Music Composition. Decisions will be made by April 15 for Fall changes of major, and December 15 for Spring changes of major.
 - a. For Music Technology applicants, please email your portfolio as a Google drive folder link directly to Paul Geluso (pg17@nyu.edu), with Allison Brobst copied (amb22@nyu.edu).
 - b. For Music Composition - Songwriting applicants, please email your portfolio as a Google drive folder link directly to nyusongwriting@nyu.edu.

Steinhardt Non-Primary Majors

Students pursuing a second major must follow the Steinhardt Non-Primary Major Policy (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/registration-policies/#secondary_major_policy).

Non-primary majors are required to take the liberal arts courses in this list (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14WYM_0nYRjEdS72cNwAVQEx_bbJ1MhqOKDfOC1wOnTc/edit?usp=sharing) when pursuing a second major in MPAP.

1. For Screen Scoring applicants, please email your portfolio using a Google Drive folder link to screen.scoring@nyu.edu. In the email, please include your N number, current major, and your intention to transfer.
2. For Concert Composition applicants, please email your portfolio using a Google Drive folder link to Robert Honstein (rsh7@nyu.edu).

Double Major

1. Students requesting a Double Major in Steinhardt must complete the Non-Primary (Double) Major Declaration form. Detailed instructions are listed on the form.
2. Students who wish to declare a Double Major in an MPAP program must meet with the advisor of that program and also the advisor for their primary major to discuss possible course schedule options. The student must then meet with a program representative of the MPAP program of their non-primary major.
 - a. You must declare a non-primary major during or prior to the spring term of your junior year before you complete 96 points towards your degree.
 - b. You must declare a non-primary major in a field of study different from your primary major.
 - c. If you are pursuing a non-primary major you may need to earn units in excess of your degree requirements.
 - d. Please note that adding a non-primary major does not mean that you will receive two degrees. You will receive only one diploma printed with the school name and the academic department name of the primary major, not the name of the major itself.
 - e. Both primary majors, non-primary majors and minors appear on the transcript.

Incomplete Grades

Students can request an incomplete grade (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/forms-and-publications/>) only:

- If a student is matriculated under exceptional circumstances
- At the discretion of the instructor
- If the student has already completed 50% or more of the coursework required

Instructors should not assign Incompletes to students without first discussing it with them. Students are responsible for initiating Incomplete grade requests.

Visiting and/or non-degree students (special students) may not apply for an incomplete.

The instructor will determine the timeframe the student will have to complete the work, but it cannot be later than the last day of classes in the following term. If the student does not complete the outstanding work by the agreed date, the incomplete grade (I) automatically turns to an F. Failing grades cannot be changed. Instructors should be mindful of deadlines when assigning Incompletes to graduating students, as students cannot get their degrees conferred with INCs on their record. The student's advisor should be looped in on these conversations.

Incomplete grades may result in failure to meet satisfactory academic progress by the Office of Financial Aid (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships/contact-the-financial-aid-team.html>).

Independent Study

An Independent Study is designed by the student and sponsoring faculty to investigate an area or field of specialization not normally offered in scheduled course offerings. It is an opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member to complete directed reading, a creative project and/or supervised research. Students must consult with their advisors before undertaking an Independent Study to understand program-specific requirements and policies.

- Only full-time faculty may sponsor an Independent Study.
- Only matriculated students are eligible to complete an Independent Study. Independent Study carries 1 to 6 units. The number of units will be determined by the work to be completed and should be comparable in rigor to that of a classroom course.
- Minimum hours required per unit: 45 hours of work per credits per term
- Maximum credits allowed: As part of specialization: as determined by each department/program
 - Total allowed
 - For undergraduate students, a maximum of 6 credits over the course of the undergraduate career
 - For graduate students, the number of credits will be specified by the program
 - Cannot be used to satisfy liberal arts requirements
- Registering for Independent Study. Students first meet with the academic advisors to determine if the student should undertake an Independent Study; they then meet with the sponsoring faculty to complete the NYU Steinhardt Independent Study form, obtaining the signatures of the sponsoring faculty member, the sponsoring faculty member's department chair and the student's advisor. Students should self-enroll in the course via Albert.
- Independent Study Title and Description: The title of an Independent Study will appear on the student transcript prefaced by the word "Independent Study". The description of the Independent Study should include its theme which may be stated as a question or issue to be explored or creative technique to be examined; its type and scope, e.g. paper or special project. Students should use the Independent Study Form (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/forms-and-publications/>) to have the correct title listed on their academic transcript.

International Students

International students should review information on the OGS webpage (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/current-students/understand-your-legal-requirements.html>) to understand their legal requirements. International students should make sure to register for full-time enrollment every fall and spring semester, and also not begin any work before receiving authorization. International Students are expected to work closely with their academic advisor to ensure that they are meeting their degree requirements. Any questions regarding immigration and visa support can be directed to the Office of Global Services (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/student-visa-and-immigration/contact-us.html>).

Mental Health and Wellness

For students experiencing undue personal and/or academic stress during the semester that may be interfering with their ability to perform academically, the NYU Wellness Exchange (212 443 9999) offers a range of services to assist and support. The Wellness Exchange offers drop-in services on campus on a regular basis. See Wellness Exchange (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/health-and-wellness/wellness-exchange.html>) for more details.

Minor in Music in Global Communities

For the 2023-2024 academic year, any students who declared the previous MPAP music minor may permit the following exceptions in counting their courses towards the new minor curriculum: we will accept any previous Music Theory coursework towards the new minor's theory requirements, and any other Steinhardt music classes for the music

electives. These exceptions will not be permitted following the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

NYU Email

All student, faculty, and administrative communications must be done using NYU email addresses, not personal email addresses. Anyone who experiences issues with their NYU email may find more information here (<https://www.nyu.edu/life/information-technology/communication-and-collaboration/email-and-communication/nyu-email.html>).

Pass/Fail Grading Option

MPAP follows NYU Steinhardt's policy on the pass/fail grading option (https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/register-classes/registration-policies/#h3_pass-fail). Undergraduate MPAP students are permitted to request pass/fail grades for courses satisfying their CORE liberal arts requirements (with the exception of Expository Writing courses) so long as they meet the other requirements noted in Steinhardt's policy. MPAP programs have differing policies regarding other classes part of a student's Program of Study that may be eligible for the pass/fail grading option (such as electives) - students who have questions about pass/fail course eligibility must speak with their academic advisor for more information on program-specific policies and consult their program handbook.

Private Lessons

Students may find more information about private lessons via the Major Lesson Information Sheet (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uregKmtKk4RxFWFiMbLtorlu8_G_3Mpj_lqyMJJzpRk/edit?usp=sharing) and the Non-Major Lesson Information Sheet (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1czj0K-aAF70xneuOVaDmA0la_N63F_EO3ei-nsaaTY/edit?usp=sharing).

MPAP Majors may only take one secondary lesson per semester, and it must be for 2 credits if they are already taking a 3-credit lesson (with the exception of Jazz Studies). Students may not take primary and secondary lessons through the Theory and Composition program in the same semester.

Non-Majors may register for only one private lesson course per semester. (This does not include Group Lessons). Non-majors who do not abide by this policy will be dropped from all private lessons. The lesson fee is non-refundable.

Student Accessibility

New York University is committed to providing equal educational opportunity and participation for all students, and academic accommodations are available for qualified students who disclose their disability to the Moses Center. Students requesting academic accommodations are advised to reach out to the Moses Center for Accessibility and Inclusive Culture as early as possible in the semester for assistance (telephone: 212-998-4980 / website: www.nyu.edu/csa (<http://www.nyu.edu/csa/>) / email: mosescsa@nyu.edu).

Study Away

MPAP majors who are interested in studying abroad may find more information here (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/programs/study-abroad/>). Important dates for study abroad may be found here (<https://www.nyu.edu/academics/studying-abroad/upperclassmen-semester-academic-year-study-away/calendars.html>). NYU Global policies and procedures can be found here (<https://www.nyu.edu/academics/studying-abroad/upperclassmen-semester-academic-year-study-away/academic-resources/policies-and-procedures.html>). Students seeking

study away opportunities should also consult with their academic advisor for program-specific policies.

Studying away is a program requirement for undergraduate Music Technology students. Music Technology students who are requesting to waive this requirement due to personal, academic, or financial hardship must first meet with the academic advisor for Music Technology to discuss their rationale and to review resources that may be in place to address these concerns. Following this discussion, students must submit a written petition that clearly states the reasons for their request via email to Paul Geluso, program director for Music Technology, who will review and approve or deny the request.

Summer Credit Registration

Undergraduate students may not enroll in more than 16 credits total throughout the full summer session or more than 8 credits per 6-week session. Students seeking exceptions must speak with their advisor for approval.

Minor in Music in Global Communities

All students must follow the updated curriculum (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/culture-education-human-development/programs/music-global-communities-minor/#curriculumtext>).

Technology in the Classroom

Each instructor may decide the extent to which students in their classes may be permitted to use their mobile phones or laptops. Instructors must communicate this policy to students clearly, preferably in their syllabus, letting students know what they can and cannot use, and why.

Students who require accommodations to use technology in the classroom – for example, students with dyslexia, ADHD, or visual impairments who use computers to take notes and access cloud-based assistive technologies – may contact the Moses Center. Students requesting academic accommodations are advised to reach out to the Moses Center for Accessibility and Inclusive Culture as early as possible in the semester for assistance (telephone: 212-998-4980 / website: www.nyu.edu/csa (<http://www.nyu.edu/csa/>) / email: mosescsa@nyu.edu).

Students must follow the AI policy outlined in the course syllabus. If students have questions about whether using AI tools is permitted in a course, they should speak with their instructor in advance. Students should not assume that AI use is permitted.

Tutoring

Students enrolled in MPAP Theory and Aural Courses receive access to free tutoring (<https://sites.google.com/nyu.edu/musictheory-tutoring/home/?pli=1&authuser=1>) for these courses. Students can also access tutoring services through the University Learning Center (<https://www.nyu.edu/students/academic-services/undergraduate-advisement/academic-resource-center/tutoring-and-learning/dropin-subjects.html>) and the Steinhardt Writing Center for undergraduate (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/current-students/nyu-steinhardt-writing-center/>) and graduate (<https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/ma-media-culture-and-communication/steinhardt-graduate-writing-center/>) students. Students are also encouraged to consult with their advisor regarding possible program-specific tutoring resources.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

Steinhardt Academic Policies

Additional academic policies can be found the Steinhardt academic policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/culture-education-human-development/academic-policies/>).