Best Choices Guide

Music (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Music. It is based on the best academic advising choices for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts degree with Designation (DwD), students must complete courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 34 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's GT Pathways website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	• ENG 121/1021 • ENG 122/1022 *Note: Students who test into ENG 122 should take ENG 201/1022 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.*	
Mathematics[1] (3 hours)	• Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240 preferred)	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	• MUS 121/1021 • MUS 122/1022	
History (3 hours)	• Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (**DO NOT** take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	• Complete two GT-SS courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3)	
Natural and Physical Sciences (7 hours)	• Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.	
Additional Required Courses[2] (29 hours)	MUS 110/1010, 111/1011, 112/1012, 113/1013 – Music Theory I & II w/labs	8
	MUS 210/2010, 211/2011, 212/2012, 213/2013 – Theory III & IV w/labs*	8
	MUS 151/1051, 152/1052, 251/2051, 252/2052 – Ensembles	4
	MUS 131/1031 – Music Class I • ***NOTE**: specify Piano*	2
	MUS 141/1041, 142/1042, 241/2041, 242/2042 – Private Instruction • ***NOTE**: take only 1 hour per class*	4
	MUS 123/1023 – Music elective	3

***Transfer students who complete all of the listed requirements for the AA may be allowed to take fewer upper-division MUS credit hours (courses numbered 3000 or higher) at UCCS to earn the bachelor's degree. See your UCCS Academic Advisor for details.**

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit Transfer Degrees | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home.

[1]Reasoning Skills – UCCS

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

1. Take MAT 1240, Math as a Liberal Art (strongly encouraged for Music majors) **OR**
2. Take MAT 1340, College Algebra **AND either** MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

Music majors should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

[2]Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't, the second semester of a language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

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Four-Year Degree Plan - Music

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	ENGL 121/1021	3		ENGL 122/1022	3
	MUS 110/1010	3		MUS 111/1011	3
	MUS 112/1012	1		MUS 113/1013	1
	MUS 131/1031	2		MUS 142/1042	1
	MUS 141/1041	1		MUS 152/1052	1
	MUS 151/1051	1		GT-MA1 course (*MAT 120/1240 preferred*)	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-HI course	3
	TOTAL	14		**TOTAL**	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	MUS 121/1021	3		MUS 122/1022	3
	MUS 210/2010	3		MUS 211/2011	3
	MUS 212/2012	1		MUS 213/2013	1
	MUS 241/2041	1		MUS 242/2042	1
	MUS 251/2051	1		MUS 252/2052	1
	MUS Elective *(MUS 123/1023 recommended)*	3		GT-SS course	3
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SC course	3
	TOTAL	16		**TOTAL**	15

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		VAPA 3000-Level Course	3
	MUS 3600	1		MUS 3600	1
	MUS 2150	3		UD MUS Ensemble course	2
	Upper-Division (UD) Music History elective	3		UD Music Elective	3
	General Elective *(Oral Communication)*	3		UD General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	16		**TOTAL**	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	MUS 4600	1		MUS 4600	1
	UD Music Elective	3		MUS 4980	3
	VAPA 3000-Level Course	3		UD General Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective *(Sustainability)*	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective *((Inclusiveness))*	3
	UD General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3			
	TOTAL	16		**TOTAL**	13

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Music Major Requirements

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000 or higher).
- The Music major requires a minimum of 52 hours of MUS and 9 hours of VAPA Auxiliary courses, with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 26* of the hours must be at the upper-division level. ***See note on page 1 of this guide.**
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Additional Resources

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at Transfer Admissions
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu