

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, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 34 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. 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.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 121/1021 ENG 122/1022 <p><i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122 should take ENG 201/1022 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i></p>	
Mathematics (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240 preferred) <p><i>Note: Credits over 3 will apply to general electives upon transfer.</i></p>	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUS 121/1021 MUS 122/1022 	
History (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.) 	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SS courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3) <p><i>Note: These courses are highly recommended: ANT 101/1001, GEO 105/1005 or GEO 106/1006</i></p>	
Physical and Life Sciences (7 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) <p>At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.</p> <p><i>Note: Credits over 7 will be applied to the additional requirements below.</i></p>	
Additional Requirements (29 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	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	2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: specify Piano 	
	MUS 141/1041, 142/1042, 241/2041, 242/2042 – Private Instruction	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE: take only 1 hour per class 	
	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 during your first semester at UCCS.

Other AA/AS Requirements

- A minimum of 60 credit hours in a prescribed program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a C average). At least 15 of these credit hours must be earned from CCCS.
- Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at CCCS, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the CCCS Vice President for Instructional Services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
- Courses numbered below 100/1000 do not apply towards degrees.

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit the Guaranteed Transfer and Guided Pathways page on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website (higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html).

Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS requires all students to meet a language requirement equivalent to two semesters of beginner-level instruction in a language other than English before graduation. Students will have fulfilled the requirement upon admission by having completed any of the following equivalents to the first two semesters of language courses (1010/1020) at UCCS: two years of the same world language in high school; AP, IB, or CLEP scores; or completion of a World Language course 1012 or higher in the Colorado Community College System. Students who graduated from high school prior to 1993 and veteran and active duty military students in specific situations will be exempt. Students may test out of all or part of the requirement by taking a placement exam at UCCS. **Please contact a Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu) with questions.**

Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website (www.uccs.edu/transfer) has many additional resources for students transferring from CCCS to UCCS.

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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 (see recommendations above)	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
	Humanities Elective	3		UD General Elective (Oral Communication)	3
	Natural Science Elective	2		General Education Elective	4
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	MUS 4600	1		MUS 4600 (Senior Recital)	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 Social Science elective (Inclusiveness)	3		UD General Elective (Cultural Diversity)	3
	UD General Elective	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 3000-4999).
- 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 (courses numbered 3000-4999). ***See note on page 1 of this guide.**
- The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
- In addition to the requirements listed on this handout, students are required to complete one course in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness. The courses may be within the major, part of general education or electives. Music majors will have met the Global Awareness requirement by completing one course from ANT 101/1001, GEO 105/1005 or GEO 106/1006 at the community college.

Prospective Student Advising: Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu)