

HONOURS BA MUSIC

The School of Music at the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading music schools. It is the ideal place to nurture your passion for all things musical and to pursue the rigorous training needed for an active and successful career in the field. We maintain close ties with renowned institutions such as the National Arts Centre (NAC) and the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra. Our program boasts state-of-the-art music facilities and internationally recognized professors who perform around the globe and publish in leading academic journals. We are a full-service music school offering programs in performance, composition, music education, piano pedagogy, theory and musicology.

Although any of our programs can pave the way for a career in education, musicology, music journalism or arts administration, the Bachelor of Music (BMus) is designed specifically for students wishing to become career musicians. Admission to the BMus therefore requires that you audition on your main instrument and demonstrate an intermediate or advanced level. In addition, the University of Ottawa is one of the only institutions in the country to offer the possibility of combining the BMus program in performance with a major in science.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2021-2022 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
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PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
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3 course units from: 3 Units

AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
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3 course units from: 3 Units

AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
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PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
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PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
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PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
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PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
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Total: 12 Units

Compulsory Courses

3 course units from: 3 Units

MUS 1191	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General	
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MUS 1192	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Intermediate	
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MUS 1193	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Advanced	
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MUS 1194	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched	
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MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I ²	3 Units
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MUS 2307	Theory and Analysis II	3 Units
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MUS 2331	Forms and Styles I: Middle Ages and Renaissance	3 Units
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MUS 2332	Forms and Styles II: Baroque and Early Classical	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

MUS 2191	Sight-Singing and Dictation II: General	
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MUS 2192	Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Intermediate	
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MUS 2193	Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Advanced	
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MUS 2194	Sight-Singing and Dictation II: Enriched	
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MUS 3306	Theory and Analysis III	3 Units
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MUS 3307	Theory and Analysis IV	3 Units
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MUS 3333	Forms and Styles III: Late Classical and Early Romantic	3 Units
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MUS 3334	Forms and Styles IV: Late Romantic and Early Modern	3 Units
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MUS 3335	Twentieth-Century Music	3 Units
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3 course units from: 3 Units

MUS 3328	Research in Music: Tools and Methods	
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MUS 4928	Advanced Research in Music: Tools and Methods	
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3 course units from: 3 Units

MUS 4301	Seminar I	
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MUS 4308	Topics in Counterpoint	
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MUS 4310	Selected Topics in Score Analysis	
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MUS 4311	Introduction to Schenkerian Analysis	
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MUS 4323	Survey of Music in Canada	
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MUS 4374	Post-Tonal Music	
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Optional Courses

12 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 3000 or 4000 level ^{3,4}	12 Units
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3 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 4000 level ⁴	3 Units
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6 optional course units in music (MUS) ^{3,4}	6 Units
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Total: 60 Units

Elective Courses

48 elective course units	48 Units
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Total: 48 Units

The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Option(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

Note(s)

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This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.

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A written test at the beginning of courses MUS 1191, MUS 1192, MUS 1193, MUS 1194 and MUS 2306 will determine placement in an additional weekly lab.

This is a copy of the 2024-2025 catalog.

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The course AMT 3105 can count towards this requirement.

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A maximum of 3 course units from MUS 4371, MUS 4372, MUS 4391 and MUS 4392 can count towards this requirement.