Bachelor of Music Degree in Musical Arts – BM MUA (minimum of 120 credits)

Refer to the original program of study (the degree program the student was admitted to as a freshman) for core and departmental degree requirements. These include theory, music history, large ensemble, piano class, and other departmental requirements as determined by the student’s primary area of study.

In addition to the above, MUA Students are responsible for completing:

- FWS (3 credits)
- 21 credits of Humanities, including
  HUM 283: Creative Convergences
- 6 credits of EIC 252: Senior Project BM/MUA

Minimum semester hours for Musical Arts major: 120

NOTES:
- The large ensemble requirement is based upon requirements for the student’s primary area of study. The requirement remains the same as the original area of study, except in cases where 8 semesters were required. With approval of their studio teachers, these MUA majors may petition the MUA Supervisory Committee to take only 7 semesters of large ensemble if it allows a significant enhancement of their MUA program of study.

- In addition to FWS 121, the MUA majors must take at least 21 credits of humanities/science courses and 3 credits of 200-level music academic elective courses. MUA students will design a concentration of at least 12 credits, approved by the MUA Supervisory Committee, to be drawn from these courses.

- With approval of their studio teachers, MUA majors may petition to take only 7 semesters of primary lessons if their MUA program of study necessitates a semester out-of-residence (e.g. internship, study abroad). However, the senior recital must take place during the last semester of lessons at Eastman. All students will present a full senior recital, with requirements based upon the student’s major instrument.

- One semester of study may be out of residence (e.g.: internship, study abroad, etc.). Any academic courses not completed at ESM must be pre-approved by the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs and/or the appropriate department chair.

- Senior Project: 6 credits over two semesters.

Complete information on all Eastman School of Music degree programs appears on the web at [www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar](http://www.esm.rochester.edu/registrar)

**Important things to remember:**

**Variations** from the prescribed program of study should be approved in advance by the appropriate Eastman department and appropriate documentation must be on file in the Registrar’s office.

Bachelor of Music students must complete eight semesters of full-time college-level study earning no fewer than 120 credits. Students must be registered for 12 credits each semester to be considered full-time. Students who earn advanced standing in any subject must complete an equivalent number of optional elective credits toward their required total degree credits.

Upon receipt of an official transcript, a maximum of six college level credits with a grade of B- or better may be used as transfer credit after matriculation.

All Bachelor of Music students must complete FWS 121 plus 21 additional credits of Humanities & Sciences courses of at least 3 credits each. Any course over 4 credits must be approved by the Humanities Department Chair. In some majors (voice and theory), required language classes count toward this requirement.

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