

**Bachelor of Music (BM)**  
**Music Composition**

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://www.utrgv.edu/catalog) > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key										
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required										
Bolded Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement										
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.										
Core: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences;										
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing										
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 1220	Applied Composition I	C		Audition and program acceptance required.		
1	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 12XX	Applied Instrument I	C				
1	Fall	1	B/E	MUEN 11XX	Major Ensemble I	C		Audition required.		
1	Fall	1	B/E	MUSI 1114	Piano for Music Majors I	C		Placement Exam.		
1	Fall	2	B/E	MUSI 1211	Music Theory I	C		Theory Placement Exam	May be placed in MUSI 1301 Fundamentals of Music.	
1	Fall	1	B/E	MUSI 1116	Sight Singing and Ear Training I	C		Placement Exam.		
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301. This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options. MATH 1314 or higher recommended. This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Foundations of Academic and Career Success 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								
1	Spring	1	B/E	MUSI 1183	Vocal Methods	C		Music majors only.	Offered in Brownsville in Spring semesters only. Should be taken in Year 1.	
1	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 12XX	Applied Instrument II	C		Minimum grade of C in Applied Instrument I		
1	Spring	1	B/E/O	MUEN 1XXX	Major Ensemble II	C		Audition required.		
1	Spring	1	B/E	MUSI 1115	Piano for Music Majors II	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1114 or Placement Exam.		
1	Spring	2	B/E	MUSI 1212	Music Theory II	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1211 and MUSI 1116.		
1	Spring	1	B/E	MUSI 1117	Sight Singing and Ear Training II	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1211 and MUSI 1116.		
1	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 1270	Applied Composition II	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 1220.		
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305. This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
1	Spring	3	B	MUSI 1308	Music History & Literature I	C	050			
1	Spring	<b>16 Semester Total Hours</b>								
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
2	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 22XX	Applied Instrument III	C		Minimum grade of C in Applied Instrument II		
2	Fall	1	B/E	MUEN 21XX	Major Ensemble III	C		Audition required.		
2	Fall	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C				
2	Fall	1	B/E	MUSI 2114	Piano for Music Majors III	C		Piano Placement Exam		
2	Fall	2	B/E	MUSI 2211	Music Theory III	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1212 and MUSI 1117.		
2	Fall	1	B/E	MUSI 2116	Sight Singing and Ear Training III	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1212 and MUSI 1117.		
2	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 2220	Applied Composition III	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 1270.		
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	MUSI 1309	World Music Cultures	C	040		Satisfies Core and Major-Specific Requirements	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
2	Fall	<b>16 Semester Total Hours</b>								
2	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 22XX	Applied Instrument IV	C		Minimum grade of C in Applied Instrument III	Must pass Sophomore Barrier (final exam) to be considered for upper level lesson enrollment.	
2	Spring	1	B/E	MUEN 21XX	Major Ensemble IV	C		Audition required.		
2	Spring	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C		Consent of instructor.		
2	Spring	2	B/E	MUSI 2212	Music Theory IV	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2211 and MUSI 2116.		
2	Spring	1	B/E	MUSI 2117	Sight Singing and Ear Training IV	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2211 and MUSI 2116.		
2	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 2270	Applied Composition IV	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 2220.		
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection.	1 hour of lab for Core 090. See General Education Core for course options. This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options. This course may also be taken during the Summer Semester.	
2	Spring	<b>15 Semester Total Hours</b>								

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3	Fall	2	B/E	MUSI 3299	Junior Recital	C		MUSI 2212, MUSI 2117, and MUSI 2114. Music majors only.		
3	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 3220	Applied Composition V	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 2270.		
3	Fall	2	B/E	MUSI 3211	Musical Form and Analysis	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2212 and MUSI 2117.		
3	Fall	3	B/E	MUSI 3301	Music History and Literature II	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1308 and MUSI 2211.		
3	Fall	1	B/E	MUSI 3102	Instrumental Conducting I	C		MUSI 2212 and MUSI 2117. Music majors only		
3	Fall	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C		Consent of instructor.		
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	
3	Fall	14	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
3	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 3270	Applied Composition VI	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 3220.		
3	Spring	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C		Consent of the Instructor		
3	Spring	3	B	MUSI 3320	Orchestration	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2212.		
3	Spring	3	B/E	MUSI 3302	Music History and Literature III	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 1308 and MUSI 2211		
3	Spring	3	E/O	MUSI 4320	Counterpoint	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2212.		
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030		1 hour of lab for Core 090. See General Education Core for course options.	
3	Spring	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
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4	Fall	2	B/E	MUAP 4220	Applied Composition VII	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 3270.		
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives	C			See Degree Plan for options	
4	Fall	3	O	MUSI 4321	Contemporary Techniques	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUSI 2212.		
4	Fall	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C		Consent of the Instructor		
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090	See General Education Core for course options.		
4	Fall	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
4	Spring	2	B/E	MUAP 4270	Applied Composition VIII	C		Grade of "C" or better in MUAP 4220.		
4	Spring	2	B/E	MUSI 4299	Senior Recital/Capstone Project	C		Consent of instructor.		
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Prescribed Electives	C			See Degree Plan for options	
4	Spring	1	B/E	MUEN 31XX	Secondary Ensemble	C		Consent of the Instructor		
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070			
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090	See General Education Core for course options.		
4	Spring	14	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
		120 (42)	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b> Advanced minimum hours							