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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS

Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
2. All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course pre-requisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule: see degree audit for list of course prerequisites within academic major.

MAJOR INFORMATION

The Visual and Performing Arts Department offers a cross-disciplinary degree that encourages innovative collaboration between disciplines. This focus integrates art history, dance, film studies, museum and gallery practice, music, theatre, and visual arts. Students complete this degree with a primary concentration in one area and develop a comprehensive knowledge in each of the major disciplines. Through studio arts, performance, theory, scholarship, and creative uses of media and technology, students will engage in an investigative approach to the arts, where the local and global converge; where cross-fertilization inspires critical thinking, dialogue and improvisation; and where diversity of thought is intrinsic to artistic process and practice. The Creative Music Performance track identifies the performer/creative artist as a major paradigm in our musical culture. Musicians in this track can be from a range of traditions, any and all instruments in classical, jazz, singer/songwriter, vocal music - opera, music theatre, rap and hip-hop, DJ, laptop culture, and more. Students will embark on a comprehensive curriculum and rigorous training on their instruments/voice, to develop individual artistic directions in performance, composition and improvisation.

Major Requirements			
VAPA – Music Major Creative Music Practice, Performance Emphasis	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 51 credit hours of MUS course work, and an additional 12 hours of VAPA department course work. • Requires a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) VAPA course work. • All VAPA course work must have a grade of "C" or better. <p>NOTE: All VAPA Music majors must meet with the dept. Program Director each semester for academic advising. Contact the Music Program Director for details.</p>	VAPA 1000-level Core course	Complete one 1000-level VAPA Core course from the following: VAPA 1005, 1020, VAPA 1050, VAPA 1100, VAPA 1500	3
	VAPA 3000-level Core courses	Complete 6 hours of 3000-level VAPA Core courses from the following: VAPA 3900, VAPA 3910, VAPA 3920, VAPA 3960, VAPA 3970, VAPA 3980, VAPA 3990	6
	MUS 1010	Music Theory I: Tonality	3
	MUS 1030	Aural Skills I	1
	MUS 1040	Class Piano	1
	MUS 2010	Music Theory II: Contemporary Harmony	3
	MUS 2030	Aural Skills II	1
	MUS 2150	Electronic and Computer Music I	3
	MUS 2300	Electronic Acoustic Ensemble	2
	MUS 2850	Topics in Music History and Research I	3
	MUS 2950	Audio Engineering & Production I	3
	MUS 3850	Topics in Music History and Research II	3
	MUS 4300	Creative Music Ensemble	2
	MUS 4750	Contemporary Music	3
	MUS 4980	Music Capstone: Senior Thesis	3
	Ensemble	Complete 6 hours from the following courses: MUS 1310, MUS 2210, MUS 2250, MUS 2310, MUS 2400	6
	Applied Lessons	Complete 8 hours of instruction, 2 hours each MUS 1600, MUS 2600, MUS 3600 and MUS 4600	8
	Music Electives	Complete 6 hours from the following courses: MUS 2450, MUS 2500, MUS 3010, MUS 3150, MUS 3200, MUS 3500, MUS 3540, MUS 3700, MUS 3950, MUS 4030, MUS 4250, MUS 4950, MUS 4960	6

General Education and Elective Requirements

Composition (6 hours)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1310 ENGL 1410 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio 																				
Reasoning Skills (3hours)	See the degree audit for course options.																				
Area Requirements (28 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements Courses may not be taken pass/fail 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course <p>NOTE: Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>																				
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>																				
Compass Curriculum (12 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gateway</td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Physical and Natural World</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigate</td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summit</td> <td>MUS 4980 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) See Degree Audit </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Component	Course	Gateway	GPS 1010	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See Degree Audit	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit	Explore – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)	Summit	MUS 4980 (included in major requirements)	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) See Degree Audit 	Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit	Sustainability	See Degree Audit
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General Electives (7-10 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.																				

Four-Year Degree Plan

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		MUS 1010	3		MUS 1040	1
		MUS 1030	1		MUS 1600	1
		MUS 1600	1		MUS 2010	3
		Ensemble Course	1		Ensemble Course	1
		VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		INDS 1050	3
		GPS 1010	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Two	✓	MUS 2600	1		MUS 2600	1
		MUS 2030	1		MUS 2300	2
		MUS 2150	3		Music Elective	3
		MUS 2850	3		Ensemble Course	1
		Ensemble Course	2		Social Science Elective	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Natural Science w/ Lab Elective	5
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3			
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			VAPA 3000 level course	3		MUS 3600
		MUS 2950	3		MUS 3850	3
		MUS 3600	1		Music Elective	3
		MUS 4300	2		UD Social Science Elective	3
		Music Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	4
		Humanities Elective	3			
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			MUS 4600	1		MUS 4600
		MUS 4750	3		MUS 4980	3
		Ensemble Course	1		Oral Communication	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD Humanities Elective	3
		UD Social Science Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
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		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	16