

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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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](http://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 Composition and Sound Design track connects traditional western composition, contemporary and experimental music, jazz and improvisation, computer music, world and non-western traditions with interdisciplinary arenas of sound art and sound design in multimedia, installation, video, theatre and film scoring.

Major Requirements			
VAPA – Music Major Composition & Sound Design	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a minimum of 65 credit hours of MUS course work, and an additional 12 hours of VAPA department course work.</li> <li>• Requires a minimum of 27 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) VAPA course work.</li> <li>• All VAPA course work must have a grade of "C" or better.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> All VAPA Music majors must meet with the department 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, VAPA 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 3950, VAPA 3960, VAPA 3970, VAPA 3980, VAPA 3990	6
	MUS 1010	Music Theory I: Tonality I	3
	MUS 1030	Aural Skills I	1
	MUS 1040	Class Piano	1
	MUS 2010	Music Theory II: Contemporary HarmonyII	3
	MUS 2030	Aural Skills II	1
	MUS 2150	Electronic and Computer Music I	3
	MUS 2300	Electronic Acoustic Ensemble	2
	MUS 2500	Composition Seminar	3
	MUS 2850	Topics in Music History and Research I	3
	MUS 2950	Audio Engineering & Production I	3
	MUS 3010	Music Theory III: Post-Tonal Theory	3
	MUS 3200	Electronic & Computer Music II	3
	MUS 3500	Composition Seminar II	3
	MUS 3700	Film Scoring & Music Composition	3
	MUS 3850	Topics in Music History and Research II	3
	MUS 4750	Contemporary Music: Cultures, Designs and Aesthetics	3
	MUS 4980	Music Capstone: Senior Thesis	3
	Ensemble	Complete 2 hours from the following courses: MUS 1310, MUS 2250, MUS 2310, MUS 2400	2
Applied Lessons	Complete the following courses for a total of 4 hours: MUS 3600 (2 hrs) and MUS 4600 (2 hr)	4	
Music Electives	Complete 6 hours from the following: MUS 3150, 3950, 4030, 4250, 4310, 4950, 4960	6	

## General Education and Elective Requirements

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

	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
Year One		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
		MUS 1010	3		MUS 2030	1
		MUS 1030	1		MUS 2010	3
		MUS 1040	1		Ensemble	2
		VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		INDS 1050	3
		GPS 1010	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		<b>2310TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Two	✓	MUS 1600	3		MUS 2300	2
		MUS 2150	2		MUS 2600	2
		MUS 2310	2		MUS 2400	2
		MUS 2850	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		MUS 2950	3		Humanities Elective	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Social Science Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		MUS 3600	2		VAPA 3000 level course	3
		MUS 3850	3		Music Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		VAPA 3000+ Elective	3
		Oral Communication	3		Upper-Division (UD) Social Science Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	15	

Year Four	✓	MUS 4750	3		MUS 4600	2
		HUM 3990	3		MUS 4980	3
		Natural Science w/ Lab Elective	4		MUS Elective	3
		UD Social Science Elective	3		VAPA 3000+ Elective	3
		General Elective	3		UD Humanities Elective	3
					Natural Science Elective	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16	