

Music

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Program of Study

The Department of Music aims to broaden the exposure to and enrich the understanding of the various musical traditions of the world. Courses address the materials of tonal music in the Western tradition, the analysis of individual works, the study of composers and genres, non-Western and vernacular repertoires, musical composition, critical approaches to music, and the role of music in society. The B.A. program in music provides a background both for graduate work in music and for study in other fields. The department also sponsors a number of performance organizations and concert series.

Courses for Nonconcentrators: General Education. Students seeking to meet the general education requirement in dramatic, musical, and visual arts with music courses must choose from among the following: Introduction to Western Music (MUSI 10100), Introduction to World Music (MUSI 10200), Introduction to Music: Materials and Design (MUSI 10300), or Introduction to Music Analysis and Criticism (MUSI 10400). Students seeking to meet the general education requirement in civilization studies may select the following two-quarter sequence: Music in Western Civilization (MUSI 12100-12200). These courses are open to all students, regardless of previous musical background.

Other Courses for Nonconcentrators. In addition to the general education courses, the department offers a two-quarter Introduction to Music Theory (MUSI 14100-14200) for students who have had little or no exposure to reading music. Students who can read music comfortably can take a three-quarter sequence in Harmony (MUSI 15100-15200-15300). Courses numbered from 20000 to 24900 are open to students who have passed a course at the 10000 level or who have equivalent musical background. In addition, courses designed for the concentration (MUSI 25000 to 29900), and certain graduate courses, are open to qualified College students who are not concentrating in music, with consent of the instructor.

Program Requirements

B.A. Program. The program for the bachelor's degree with a concentration in music offers a well-balanced selection of practical, historical, and conceptual approaches to music.

Concentrators are required to take at least twelve music courses and participate in a campus performing organization (or comparable musical activity) for at least three quarters. Students should begin their concentration program by taking the three-quarter sequence in harmony and voice-leading (MUSI 15100-15200-15300). Students follow this introductory course with a yearlong sequence of courses that take up topics in the history of Western music (MUSI 27100-27200-27300), and advanced courses in music theory and analysis (MUSI 25100, 25200, and 25300). (Another theory course or a course in performance or interpretation may be substituted for MUSI 25300.) These advanced sequences are offered in alternate years, and under normal circumstances it will take three years to complete the introductory and advanced courses. It is thus highly advisable for students to take the MUSI 15100 through 15300 sequence during their first year.

The required course in musicianship skills (MUSI 28500) is offered every year and should be taken after the MUSI 15100 to 15300 sequence. *NOTE: MUSI 28500 is a yearlong course. One quarter's credit (100 units) is granted in Spring Quarter after successful completion of the year's work. To meet requirements for full-time student status, students must carry at least three additional courses during the Autumn and Winter Quarters.*

Students complete their programs by choosing two additional courses: one in ethnomusicology; and one in composition, computer music, or orchestration. With instructor's consent, undergraduates can take graduate classes; graduate courses can be used to meet concentration requirements by petition to the director of undergraduate studies.

Concentrators must arrange a formal consultation with the director of undergraduate studies before declaring their concentration.

Summary of Requirements

3	MUSI 15100-15200-15300
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1	MUSI 28500
3	MUSI 27100-27200-27300
1	one course in ethnomusicology (any course numbered in the 23000s)
1	one course in composition, computer music, or orchestration (any course numbered in the 26000s)
–	participation for at least three quarters in a performance organization
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Advanced Standing. Those students who exhibit a competence in harmony sufficient to place out of MUSI 15100-15200-15300 or knowledge of music history sufficient to place out of MUSI 27100-27200-27300 may devise an alternative program with the director of undergraduate studies.

Grading. Courses taken to meet the general education requirement cannot be taken on a *P/N* basis. Music concentrators must take courses in the concentration for quality grades.

Honors. Students who have a GPA of at least 3.0 overall and at least 3.5 in the concentration, and who present a senior essay or composition written in an advanced course or special tutorial (MUSI 29900) may be recommended for honors. The optional Undergraduate Honors Seminar (MUSI 29500) is designed to prepare students to write an honors essay. Students seeking honors should speak with the director of undergraduate studies no later than Spring Quarter of their third year.

Performance Organizations

Membership in the Department of Music performance organizations is open to qualified students from all areas of the University through competitive auditions held at the beginning of Autumn Quarter. Most organizations rehearse weekly. For further information, students should consult the brochure “Performance Opportunities at the University of Chicago” or contact Barbara Schubert, director of performing programs.

Symphony Orchestra. The 100-member University Symphony Orchestra presents six concerts per season. Familiar and unusual repertoire from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is featured. A major performance with the University Chorus every season, the biennial University Concerto Competition, and a regular summer opera production with the Lyric Opera Center for American Artists are highlights of the symphony’s activities. *Wednesday evening rehearsals. B. Schubert. Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Chamber Orchestra. The University Chamber Orchestra is a string ensemble that specializes in baroque, early classical, and twentieth-century repertoire. Supplemented by wind players for particular pieces, the group presents three concerts per season. Members often play in the University Symphony as well. *Monday evening rehearsals. S. Huang. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Wind Ensemble. The University Wind Ensemble performs both symphonic wind ensemble literature and transcriptions of major orchestral repertoire. The group presents one concert each quarter and occasionally performs at informal activities and social events on campus. *Monday evening rehearsals. W. Gordon. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Chorus. The 130-member University Chorus performs choral literature of the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries, accompanied by keyboard, small instrumental ensembles, or the University Symphony. One major concert per quarter plus supplemental performances on campus and elsewhere in the city make up the season. *Tuesday evening rehearsals. R. Von Ellefson. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Motet Choir. The 40-member University Motet Choir is a select group that specializes in *a cappella* choral literature of all periods, plus Renaissance and baroque works accompanied by period instruments. The ensemble presents one major concert per quarter on campus, has frequent performances elsewhere in Chicago, and goes on an annual tour. *Monday, Wednesday, and Friday noontime rehearsals. R. Von Ellefson. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble is an eight- to ten-piece group dedicated to the exploration of small-group improvisation and ensemble performance in traditional jazz styles. The ensemble's repertoire ranges from standards to new compositions written for the group to collaborative works. The group presents one major concert per quarter on campus, as well as supplemental performances on campus and elsewhere in the city. *Wednesday evening rehearsals. M. Bowden. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Middle East Music Ensemble. The Middle East Music Ensemble (MEME) explores a variety of classical, neo-classical, and popular forms originating throughout the Middle East. Participants develop knowledge of Middle Eastern compositional and improvisational techniques through performance. The MEME, which performs one major concert a year, is open to all students and to community members with appropriate musical experience. *Monday afternoon rehearsals. M. Stokes, Coordinator. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

New Music Ensemble. The University New Music Ensemble performs a wide variety of twentieth-century repertoire, with each of its quarterly concerts including solo and ensemble works for singers and instrumentalists. Experimental music, world premieres, and multimedia programs are an integral part of every season, along with twentieth-century masterworks and compositions by students in the Department of Music. *Saturday afternoon rehearsals. B. Schubert. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Javanese Gamelan Ensemble. The Javanese Gamelan Ensemble is part of the department's expanded offerings in ethnomusicology. The group focuses on authentic performance practice and makes use of numerous opportunities to rehearse and perform with visiting artists from Java and around the United States. The ensemble's performances feature contemporary Indonesian and American compositions in addition to traditional Javanese gamelan pieces. *Rehearsals by arrangement. M. Stokes, Administrative Director. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Chamber Music Ensembles. Chamber Music Ensembles are open to students from all areas of the University and at all levels of proficiency. The Department of Music organizes various ensembles in accordance with players' tastes and skills, and provides opportunities for musical coaching and performance. Master classes with area professionals and visiting artists, as well as coaching sessions, are organized through the chamber music program. *Rehearsals by arrangement. I. Levinson. Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

Other Campus Activities. A variety of other musical activities is available at the University, including the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, several residence hall recital series, and several student-run theater groups.

Faculty

P. Bohlman, T. Christensen, R. Cohn, M. Feldman, P. Gossett, B. Hoeckner, R. Kendrick, M. Ptaszynska, S. Ran, A. Robertson, H. Sandroff, B. Schubert, M. Stokes, R. Von Ellefson, L. Zbikowski

Courses: Music (MUSI)

10100. Introduction to Western Music. *This course meets the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts. Background in music not required. Students must confirm enrollment by attending one of the first two sessions of class.* This one-quarter course is designed to enrich the listening experience of students, particularly with respect to the art music of the Western European and American concert tradition. Students are introduced to the basic elements of music and the ways that they are integrated to create masterworks in various styles. Particular emphasis is placed on musical form and on the potential for music to refer to and interact with aspects of the world outside. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

10200. Introduction to World Music. *This course meets the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts. Background in music not required. Students must confirm enrollment by attending one of the first two sessions of class.* This course is a selected survey of classical, popular, and folk music traditions from around the world. The goal is not only to expand our skills as listeners, but also to redefine what we consider music to be, in the process stimulating a fresh approach to our own diverse musical traditions. In addition, the role of music as ritual, aesthetic experience, mode of communication, and artistic expression is explored. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

10300. Introduction to Music: Materials and Design. *This course meets the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts. Background in music not required. Students must confirm enrollment by attending one of the first two sessions of class.* In this variant of the introductory course in music, students explore the language of music through coordinated listening, analysis, and exercises in composition. A study of a wide diversity of musical styles serves as an incentive for student compositions in those styles. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

10400. Introduction to Music Analysis and Criticism. *This course meets the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts. Background in music not required. Students must confirm enrollment by attending one of the first two sessions of class.* This course aims to develop students' analytical and critical tools by focusing on a select group of works drawn from the Western European and American concert tradition. The texts

for the course are recordings. Through listening, written assignments, and class discussion, we explore topics such as compositional strategy, conditions of musical performance, interactions between music and text, and the relationship between music and ideology as they are manifested in complete compositions. *Autumn, Winter, Spring.*

12100-12200. Music in Western Civilization. (=HIST 12700-12800, SOSC 21100-21200) *Prior music course or ability to read music not required. This two-quarter sequence meets the general education requirement in civilization studies. It may not be used to meet the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts.* MUSI 12100 (Music in Western Civilization, to 1750) and MUSI 12200 (Music in Western Civilization, 1750 to the Present) explore musical works of broad cultural significance in Western civilization. We study pieces not only from the standpoint of musical style, but also through the lenses of politics, intellectual history, economics, gender, cultural studies, and so on. Readings are taken both from our music textbook and from the writings of a number of figures such as St. Benedict of Nursia and Martin Luther. The format of the class consists of lectures and discussions in smaller sections that focus on important issues in the readings and on music listening exercises. *A. Robertson, Winter; R. Kendrick, Spring.*

14100-14200. Introduction to Music Theory for Nonmajors. *These courses may not be used to meet the general education requirement in the dramatic, musical, and visual arts.* This two-quarter sequence covers the basic elements of music theory, including music reading, intervals, chords, meter, and rhythm. The emphasis is on practical and analytical skills leading to simple melodic and contrapuntal composition, and a more profound appreciation of music. *Autumn, Winter.*

15100-15200-15300. Harmony and Voice Leading. *PQ: Ability to read music.* This three-quarter sequence serves as an introduction to the materials and structure of Western tonal music. The first quarter focuses on fundamentals: scale types, keys, basic harmonic structures, voice-leading and two-voice counterpoint. The second quarter explores extensions of harmonic syntax, the basics of Classical form, further work with counterpoint, and non-diatonic seventh chords. The third quarter undertakes the study of modulation, sequences, and additional analysis of Classical forms. *Musicianship labs in ear-training and keyboard skills required. L. Zbikowski, Autumn, Winter; Staff, Spring.*

22300. Introduction to Opera. This course provides an introduction to the art of opera through the close study of several important works from the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries, including Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro*, Verdi's *Rigoletto*, Wagner's *Tristan und Isolde*, Bizet's *Carmen*, and Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*. The emphasis is on developing an understanding of how music, text, dramatic action, and stagecraft join forces in creating this most improbable and most wonderful of art forms. Students study these works from printed sources, recordings, and videos. *Attendance at performances may be required. This course is offered in alternate years. Spring.*

23100/33100. Jazz. (=AFAM 20200/30200) *PQ: Any 10000-level music course, or the ability to read music.* This survey examines the history and development of jazz from its West African roots to the so-called free jazz of the 1960s and 1970s. Representative works in various styles are selected for intensive formal and stylistic analysis. Traditional forms and genres are traced from their New Orleans beginnings to their contemporary manifestations in the avant-garde. The resources of the Chicago Jazz Archive in the Regenstein Library provide primary source materials. *R. Wang. Winter. Not offered 2003-2004; will be offered 2004-05.*

23200/33200. The Art of the Jazz Ensemble Composer: Ferdinand “Jelly Roll” Morton, Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, and Charles Mingus. *PQ: Any 10000-level music course or the ability to read music.* From Morton’s seven-piece Red Hot Peppers, to the sixteen-piece big band of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, and to the thirty-two piece orchestra of Charles Mingus’s *Epitaph*, the jazz composer has had to develop ingenious solutions to the challenge of writing a fixed composition in the spirit of an improvised music. We focus on the solutions to these problems found in the scores and recordings of four African-American composers. *This course is offered in alternate years. Winter.*

23700/33700. Music of South Asia. (=RLST 27700, SALC 20800/30800) *PQ: Any 10000-level music course or consent of instructor.* This course examines the music of South Asia as an aesthetic domain with both unity and particularity in the region. The unity of the North and South Indian classical traditions is treated historically and analytically, with special emphasis placed on correlating their musical and mythological aspects. The classical traditions are contrasted with regional, tribal, and folk musics with respect to fundamental conceptualizations of music and the roles it plays in society. In addition, the repertoires of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and states and nations bordering the region are covered. Music is also considered as a component of myth, religion, popular culture, and the confrontation with modernity. *P. Bohlman. Autumn. Not offered 2003-2004; will be offered 2004-05.*

23900/33900. Rock. *PQ: Any 10000-level music course or consent of instructor.* This course considers some critical accounts of the music industry, of subcultures, and of mass media aesthetics; some historical dimensions of rock (e.g., circum-Atlantic, global circulation of blues-derived popular forms); and some analytical approaches deriving from the main theoretical traditions of Western art music, psychoanalysis, semiotics, and ethnography as applied to rhythm and meter, repetition, tonality, voice, and so forth. Students are also encouraged, through select readings and listening assignments, to contextualize rock within a broad field of twentieth-century popular/vernacular music making. *M. Stokes. Spring.*

25100. Theory and Analysis I. *PQ: MUSI 15300 or equivalent.* This course continues the investigation of harmony and voice-leading begun in MUSI 15300 and extends it to standard chromatic harmonies (e.g., augmented-sixth chords, the Neapolitan), exploring these topics through model composition and analysis. The course also covers the analysis of standard tonal forms, including sonata form. *This course is offered in alternate years. Autumn.*

25200. Theory and Analysis II. *PQ: MUSI 25100 or equivalent.* This course ventures further into extended chromatic techniques and the analysis of music of the late nineteenth century, and continues the development of analytical skills for the study of tonal forms. The course also focuses on rhythm and meter in both Western and non-Western traditions. *This course is offered in alternate years. Winter.*

25300. Theory and Analysis III. *PQ: MUSI 25200 or equivalent.* This course focuses on analytical approaches to twentieth-century atonal and serial repertoires, and also provides an introduction to jazz harmonization. *This course is offered in alternate years. Spring.*

25600. Jazz Theory and Improvisation. *PQ: MUSI 15300 or equivalent.* This class focuses on the knowledge necessary to improvise over the chord changes of standard jazz tunes. The class covers basic terminology and chord symbols, scale-to-chord relationships, connection devices, and turn-around patterns. For the more experienced improviser, we explore alternate chord changes, tritone substitutions, and ornamentations. Using techniques gained in class, students write their own solos on a jazz tune and transcribe solos from recordings. *M. Bowden. Winter. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

25700/31900. Cognitive Science and Music Analysis. *PQ: MUSI 25200. Open to nonconcentrators with consent of instructor.* This course surveys recent research in music cognition and cognitive psychology and shows how it can be applied to problems of musical analysis. There is a general review of research on the perception of pitch and rhythm, on processes of categorization, and on cognitive structures associated with inference and reason. This review is paired with an exploration of issues in music theory and analysis that could be addressed by research in cognitive science. Analytical models incorporating both of these strands are developed in the latter portion of the course. *This course is offered in alternate years. Autumn.*

26100. Introduction to Composition. *PQ: MUSI 14200 or 15300, or equivalent.* The student is introduced to some of the basic problems in musical composition through a series of simple exercises. *Autumn.*

26200. Advanced Composition. *PQ: MUSI 26100 or equivalent.* This course is a continuation of the study of composition undertaken in MUSI 26100. *Spring.*

26300-26400/34700-34800. Introduction to Computer Music. *PQ: Consent of instructor. Rudimentary musical skills (but not technical knowledge) required; basic Macintosh skills helpful.* This two-quarter course of study gives students in any discipline the opportunity to explore the techniques and aesthetics of computer-generated/assisted music production. During the first quarter, students learn the basics of digital synthesis, the Musical Instrument Digital Interface (MIDI), and programming. These concepts and skills are acquired through lecture, demonstration, reading, and a series of production and programming exercises. Students are encouraged to indulge their musical and programming creativity throughout the course. The final project is a creative musical or programming endeavor of the student's choosing. *Weekly lab tutorials and individual lab time in the Department's Computer Music Studio are in addition to scheduled class time. This course is offered in alternate years. Autumn, Winter.*

26500/34500. Instrumentation and Orchestration I. *PQ: Open to nonconcentrators with consent of instructor.* This course introduces the fundamental principles of the capabilities of musical instruments and their combinations. *E. Blackwood. Winter. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

26800. Sixteenth-Century Counterpoint. *PQ: MUSI 15300 or equivalent.* This course is an introduction to the theory, analysis, and composition of modal counterpoint using texts and examples by sixteenth-century theorists (i.e., Zarlino) and composers (i.e., Josquin, Lassus, Palestrina). Techniques include *cantus firmus*, canon, and modal mixture. Students read sources, analyze passages, and compose (and improvise) counterpoint in two to four parts. *This course is offered in alternate years. Winter.*

26900. Eighteenth-Century Counterpoint. This is a practical course for learning the art of fugue writing. The class concentrates on writing different types of fugues and on short pieces involving different types of imitation. The material is based on Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier*, *Goldberg Variations*, *Das Musikalische Opfer*, and *Die Kunst der Fuge*. *This course is offered in alternate years. Spring.*

27100-27200-27300. Topics in the History of Western Music. *PQ: MUSI 14200 or 15300. Open to nonconcentrators with consent of instructor.* A three-quarter investigation into Western art music, with primary emphasis on the vocal and instrumental repertoires of Western Europe and the United States. MUSI 27100 begins with the earliest notated music and considers monophonic liturgical chant and the development of sacred and secular vocal polyphony through the sixteenth century. MUSI 27200 addresses topics in music from 1600 to 1800, including opera, sacred music, the emergence of instrumental genres, the codification of tonality, and the Viennese classicism of Haydn and Mozart. MUSI 27300 treats music since 1800. Topics include the music of Beethoven and his influence on later composers; the rise of public concerts, German opera, programmatic instrumental music, and nationalist trends; the confrontation with modernism; and the impact of technology on the expansion of musical boundaries. *Staff, Autumn; R. Kendrick, Winter; B. Hoeckner, Spring.*

28500. Musicianship Skills. *PQ: MUSI 15300. Open only to concentrators. Credit is granted only in Spring Quarter after successful completion of the year's work.* This is a yearlong course in ear training, keyboard progressions, realization of figured basses at the keyboard, and reading of chamber and orchestral scores. *Classes each week consist of one dictation lab (sixty minutes long), and one keyboard lab (thirty minutes long).* I. Levinson. Autumn, Winter, Spring.

29500. Undergraduate Honors Seminar. *PQ: Consent of instructor. Open only to fourth-year concentrators who wish to develop a research project and prepare it for submission for departmental honors.* The seminar guides students through the preliminary stages of selecting and refining a topic, and provides an interactive forum for presenting and discussing the early stages of research, conceptualization, and writing. The course culminates in the presentation of a paper that serves as the foundation of the honors thesis. The instructors work closely with honors project supervisors, who may be drawn from the entire music faculty. Autumn.

29700. Independent Study in Music. *PQ: Consent of instructor and director of undergraduate studies. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Consent Form.* This course is for students who wish to pursue specialized readings in music or to do advanced work in composition. Autumn, Winter, Spring.

29900. Senior Essay or Composition. *PQ: Consent of instructor and director of undergraduate studies. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Consent Form.* Autumn, Winter, Spring.