

HONOURS BA MUSIC

The School of Music at the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading music schools. It is the ideal place to nurture your passion for all things musical and to pursue the rigorous training needed for an active and successful career in the field. We maintain close ties with renowned institutions such as the National Arts Centre (NAC) and the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra. Our program boasts state-of-the-art music facilities and internationally recognized professors who perform around the globe and publish in leading academic journals. We are a full-service music school offering programs in performance, composition, music education, piano pedagogy, theory and musicology.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-arts/music/undergraduate-studies/music/>)

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
PHI 1101	Reasoning and Critical Thinking	
PHI 1301	Philosophy: Ideas and Arguments	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	
3 course units from:		3 Units
AHL 1100	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
AHL 1900	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Study in the Arts ¹	
PHI 1102	Moral Reasoning	
PHI 1103	Fundamental Philosophical Questions	
PHI 1104	Great Philosophers	
PHI 1302	Philosophy: Themes and Texts	
Total:		12 Units

Compulsory courses at the 1000 level

3 course units from:		3 Units
MUS 1191	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: General	
MUS 1194	Sight-Singing and Dictation I: Enriched	

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

MUS 2306	Theory and Analysis I ³	3 Units
MUS 2307	Theory and Analysis II	3 Units
MUS 2365	Music: The Big Questions I	3 Units
MUS 2366	Music: The Big Questions II	3 Units

MUS 2367	Indigenous Musics	3 Units
MUS 2368	Music and Identity	3 Units

Compulsory course at the 4000 level

MUS 4928	Advanced Research in Music: Tools and Methods	3 Units
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Optional courses

3 course units from:		3 Units
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MUS 3110 Music Education I

MUS 3111 Music Education II

3 course units from:		3 Units
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MUS 4301 Selected Topics in Musicology

MUS 4310 Selected Topics in Music Theory and Analysis

12 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 3000 or 4000 level ^{4,5}		12 Units
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3 optional course units in music (MUS) at the 4000 level ^{4,5}		3 Units
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15 optional course units in music (MUS) ^{3,4,5}		15 Units
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Total:		60 Units
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Elective Courses

48 elective course units		48 Units
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Total:		48 Units
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The electives may be replaced by a combination of a Minor, Microprogram(s) (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/undergrad/honours-ba-music/en/programs/#filter=filter_19&filter_170&filter_27), and/or elective units.

Note(s)

- ¹ This course has variable topics. Students may take this course twice.
- ² A written test at the beginning of MUS 1191 will determine placement in an additional weekly lab.
- ³ A written test at the beginning of the course MUS 2306 will determine if the student must also enrol for MUS 1303.
- ⁴ The course AMT 3105 can count towards this requirement.
- ⁵ To enrol for an ensemble, students must pass an audition. (MUS 3901, MUS 3902, MUS 3903, MUS 3904, MUS 3907 and MUS 3916)