**Succeed in the workplace**

**What employers want**

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services workshop.

**What can I learn studying MUSIC?**

- Understanding of musical form and organization
- Ability to compose music
- High level performance on an instrument or voice
- Use of sound equipment
- Oral communication for confident public speaking
- Presentation and performance skills and stage presence
- Self-discipline and time management
- Ability to work independently and on a team
- Creative and critical thinking
- Written and oral communication
- Research skills
- Increased working memory and IQ leading to improved pattern recognition, memorization and improvisation
- Increased adaptability

Get to know MUSIC

Our music degree plans within the Dan School of Drama and Music provide an inclusive and welcoming environment for students who wish to explore music as a medium for intellectual growth and personal expression. The new Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts with its award-winning performance hall and waterfront rehearsal room is an inspiring place to learn. To see our amazing new space visit theisabel.ca. New to the Dan School of Drama and Music is a joint 2+2 year program with St. Lawrence College (Brockville) leading to a BA degree in Music Theatre, as well as the concurrent Bachelor of Music and Digital Media (MDM) Diploma program. The MDM program is a joint 4+1 year program between Queen’s University and St. Lawrence College (Kingston), where students combine up-to-date skills in sound and digital technology with a high-standard education in music performance and academics, receiving both a Queen’s degree and a St. Lawrence diploma. See the Bachelor of Music Theatre Major Map for more information.

**Course HIGHLIGHTS**

Bachelor of Music students are guaranteed individual lessons in their instrument of specialization, but whether you’re a Music Major or just a student with a keen interest in music, there are plenty of courses to put a spring in your step. The Choral, Wind, and Jazz ensembles, as well as the Symphony Orchestra provide for-credit opportunities for those students interested in performance. Other popular courses include the Social History of Popular Music, Music as Profession and the Music Theatre Practicum.

**Degree OPTIONS**

Bachelor of Music
- Specialization / Concurrent Education – Music Bachelor of Music plus Music and Digital Media Diploma (BMus / MDM)
- Bachelor of Music Theatre
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
  - Major / Medial / Minor in Music / Specialization in Computing and the Creative Arts (CCCA)
  - Bachelor of Arts (General)
  - Internship option available

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

**Queen’s ADMISSION**

Admission into our direct entry music program (BMus) includes both the required application to Music (QM) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca) and an audition at Queen’s. Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including English 4U and a minimum of one additional 4U course. An audition, interview, and theory/ural skills test are also required (please see sdm.queensu.ca/music for specific required levels). Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

BAH students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC website. Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. BAH students experience a common first-year to allow for self-exploration and an opportunity to determine what disciplines are of interest to you.
### 1ST YEAR

- **If in B. Mus., you are auto-enrolled in your core courses.**
  - Choose 2-1 electives (possibly a 180-series course).
  - If in BAH considering a future Major in Music, take MUSC 103, 191, 203. Audition for and enrol in ensembles.
- Interested in late entry to the Music and Digital Media program? Contact the Music Chair of Undergraduate Studies.
- Each Plan will have at least one required first-year course, including minors. It is important to take a variety of first-year courses to keep as many pathways open as possible for you going into second year. For details see the Arts and Science Academic Calendar.

### 2ND YEAR

- **If in B. Mus., take 221, 227, 292, 293, 204, 205.**
  - Add an ensemble and electives. If interested in Music Education, refer to the Music Education Major Map Addendum. If in BAH Major, take MUSC 292, 293, 204, 205.
  - Specified Chamber and Composition Lessons: apply at the end of April for the subsequent year. Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses.
  - Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in Media Studies or explore other certificates available.

### 3RD YEAR

- **If in B Mus., take 392. Build towards your 36.0 units at the 300 level or higher requirement.**
  - If in BAH Major, take 385, 386 and 300- or 400-level music theory, history, ethnomusicology and/or education courses.
  - At end of 3rd year, approach potential thesis supervisors and submit the application form.
  - Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- **If in the BAH program, enrol in thesis (592). Complete the remaining Plan requirements.** Check your Academic Requirements report in SOLUS.
  - By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and/or certificate(s) as well.
  - Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

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### Get Relevant Experience

- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Bands, Queen's Musical Theatre, QUSMEA, and Shine On.
  - Attend concerts, masterclasses, and workshops. Check out events at The Isabel and the Grand Theatre.
  - See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

### Get Connected with the Community

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations such as Queen's Music Club (QMC), QUSMEA, Hart School, and MusicMates.

### Get Thinking Globally

- **Is an exchange in your future?** Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through your Faculty's International Office. If exchange isn't for you, come talk to QUC about some other options to gain international experience.

### Get Ready for Life After Graduation

- **If you're interested in Musical Theatre, please see the Major Map for that program specifically.**
  - Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Great Jobs for Music Majors. For more information connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.
  - Check out summer performance programs such as FAVA, COSI, Opera NUDIA, and CAMMAC.
  - **Research education requirements for careers of interest.** If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services. Take any courses relevant to your future career (e.g. Lynx Diction, Music Education, Composition, Musicology, Applied Study).
  - **Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures.** Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions. Attend the post-graduation information session at the School in September or October.

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