MUSIC

Queen’s Music has earned a reputation across Canada for producing some of the best-prepared graduates: musicians who excel as scholars, composers, teachers and performers. Students in the Dan School of Drama and Music obtain a solid education in western classical music from the ancient to the postmodern, while pursuing a wide variety of courses in applied study (performance), musicology/ethnomusicology, music education, and theory and composition. A highlight for music students is the chance to practice and perform in the fantastic rehearsal hall and concert hall of Queen’s Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts.

1ST YEAR
- MUTH 110/3.0
- MUTH 111/3.0
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- 6.0 units from MUSC 171/3.0, MUSC 210/3.0, MUSC 211/3.0, MUSC 289/3.0, MUTH 231/3.0, MUTH 232/3.0
- 12.0 units from MUSC Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- MUTH 380/3.0 or MUTH 387/3.0
- 12.0 units from MUSC Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- MUSC 500/6.0
- 12.0 units from MUSC Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Sample Year by Year

PLAN:
60.0 units plus electives (or a combination of a minor and electives) to a total of 120 units.

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at QUartsci.com/academic-calendar.
### MUSIC MAJOR MAP

#### 1ST YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Music along with some electives.
  - See the back page for specific courses to consider.
  - Attend **Major Night** in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.
- **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**, **H'art School**, and **MusicMates**.
  - Get involved with the **Departmental Student Council (DSC)**. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.
  - Volunteer as an audition buddy. Usher concerts at **The Isabel** and the Dan School of Drama and Music.
- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - Prepare for work or studies in a multicultural environment by taking QUC's **Intercultural Competency Certificate**.
  - Speak to a QUC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.
- **GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**
  - Grappling with program decisions? Go to **Major Night** or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
  - Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services **Career Advising and Resource Area**, such as Great Jobs for Music Majors. Find more information connecting with alumni on **LinkedIn**.
  - Check out summer performance programs such as **FAVA**, **COSI**, **Opera NUOVA**, and **CAMA**.

#### 2ND YEAR
- **GET THINKING WITH THE EXPERIENCE**
  - Start going deeper into the discipline of Music, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as **Global Action and Engagement**. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about **Certificates and Internship options**.
  - Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit **SASS (Student Academic Support Services)** and the Writing Centre for some help.
  - Talk to the department. **Queen's Community Music or Career Services about summer jobs through SWEP or Work-Study**.
  - Consider running for **Department Student Council** executive. Think about applying to positions in student services or the **Alma Mater Society**. Volunteer at local schools through approved programs.
- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through **the International Programs Office**.
  - Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your **language skills** (especially Italian, French, and German for musicians).
  - 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. Lyric Dictions, Music Education, Composition, MusicoLOGY, Applied Study).
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#### 3RD YEAR
- **GET THINKING WITH THE EXPERIENCE**
  - A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Music. Meet with an **Academic Advisor** to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.
  - Work towards the **Concert Aria competition**.
  - Contact professors about grading positions. Attend concerts, masterclasses and workshops. Play in a pit band for one of Queen's music theatre groups.
  - If interested, apply for an **Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF)**.
  - Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.
  - Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Join a local band or choir, and perform in the community.
- **GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**
  - Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
  - Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships — check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
  - Consider joining professional associations like **SOCAN, CFMTA, SEM**, and the **SMT**.
  - Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Music.
- **GET THINKING GLOBALLY**
  - International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an **International Student Adviser**.
  - 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-graduate information session at the School in September or October.

#### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- **GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**
  - In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to **Graduate School** or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).
- **GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**
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- **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**
  - A degree in Music can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
    - 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
- **WHERE CAN I GO?**
  - A degree in Music can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:
    - Audio consulting
    - Concert production
    - Digital archivist
    - Instrument repair
    - Lyricist
    - Music journalism
    - Music therapy
    - Piano accompanist
    - Songwriting
    - Talent scouting
  - Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.