

MUSIC

Music

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

The mission of COCC’s Music program is to provide the opportunity for music majors pursuing a transfer degree (and those simply interested in music) to take the core courses that are typically required in the first two years of a bachelor’s of music program. This includes music fundamentals, class piano, two years of music theory and musicianship and a listening-based class called Understanding Music. Additionally, most music schools require participation in a major ensemble and private lessons in voice or instrument every term. To that end, we have no fewer than six ensembles in which a student can participate, including the Cascade Chorale, College Choir, Central Singers, Big Band Jazz, Cascade Winds Symphonic Band and Central Oregon Symphony.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

General Education/Foundationa

Health

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix¹ 3

Mathematics

MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

Oral Communication

Choose one course from the following: 3-4

- SP 111 Fundamentals Public Speaking
- SP 114 Argumentation & Discourse
- SP 115 Intro Intercultural Commun
- SP 218 Interpersonal Communication
- SP 219 Small Group Communication

Writing

WR 121 Academic Composition 4
 WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition 4
 or WR 227 Technical Writing

General Education/Discipline Studies

One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

Arts and Letters	9-12
Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes	
Recommend: MUS 101, MUS 201, MUS 111 ²	
Social Science	12-16
Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes	
Science/Math/Computer Science	12-20
Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science	
Electives	39
Choose enough electives to reach the minimum of 90 credits for the AAOT ³	

Total Credits 90-106

- ¹ HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.
- ² Additional MUS courses are related courses to consider and will be applied to the AAOT as elective credits.
- ³ Music majors should participate in a performing ensemble each term and take Musicianship IA, IB, IC, IIA, IIB and IIC, Music Theory IA, IB, IC, IIA, IIB and IIC and have proficient keyboard skills, which can be gained by taking Piano Class I, II and III.

ADVISING NOTES

MUS 201 Understanding Music, MUS 202 Understanding Music and MUS 203 Understanding Music, while not required, are excellent survey courses of music history, providing a solid background for future in-depth studies of music history.

Private lessons, (applied voice, violin, trombone, et cetera), while not required for the AAOT degree, are an integral part of the music major. Studying with a private teacher will foster individual growth, technique development, provide a solid background in solo repertoire, proper language enunciation as well as in-depth studies of music genres. A second year of a world language is also recommended.

All music schools have slightly different requirements and expectations of their music majors. While it is true that an Oregon college or university will accept the AAOT degree as a package, which allows students to transfer with junior class status, most music schools will not accept a direct transfer of credits for courses intended specifically for music majors, such as Music Theory. Instead, they will test students upon arrival to see what they have learned in their previous courses and then place them at the appropriate level for their program. It has been our experience that students who perform well in COCC music theory and musicianship courses regularly meet or exceed the requirements to continue on with the next level of study at the transfer institution (i.e., students who have completed the first year of theory typically test into the second year of theory at their new school).