

# Music, General Studies: Bachelor of Music in Musical Arts Degree

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<b>Program Type</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credential Granted</b>	Baccalaureate Degree
<b>Offered At</b>	Langley
<b>Format</b>	Full-time Part-time
<b>How to Apply</b>	www.kpu.ca/admission

## DESCRIPTION

The BMMA is a four-year program focusing primarily on Western classical music while providing students with opportunities to explore jazz, pop, and world music. Practical courses, such as the Business of Music, Approaches to Music Education, and Psychophysiology of Music Performance, give this program an experiential dimension rarely found in traditional music programs. The program fosters students' creativity and versatility, equipping them to adapt to changing market demands and to apply learned theory and practice in a variety of cultural and service sectors.

The Music program offers students two options for their studies:

- 1. Bachelor of Music in Musical Arts degree.** This is a selective-entry, four-year bachelor's degree program that is eight semesters in length consisting of 122 credits of coursework.
- 2. Music Diploma option.** The two-year diploma is embedded within the degree. It allows students who do not wish to pursue a degree in music to have an optional exit point after completion of lower level requirements. The Diploma has six concentrations: General Studies, Comprehensive Studies, Guitar Performance, Orchestral Instrument Performance, Piano Performance and Vocal Performance.

## Foundation Courses

Applicants who demonstrate musical talent but have not established a thorough grounding in the practical skills and general knowledge of music at the appropriate level may be given the opportunity to register in one or more foundation courses to upgrade specific musical and technical skills. The Foundation courses include:

- Rudiments in Music (i.e., Theory)
- Listening to Music (i.e., Introduction to Music History)
- Studio Lessons (i.e., Private Lessons)

## STUDENT PROFILE

BMMA students are high school graduates, transfer students, and adult learners residing in the region (South Fraser, Fraser Valley, and North Fraser, east of Burnaby). All entering students require

rudimentary knowledge of music theory, basic aural and rhythm skills, and practical performance skills at a university-entrance level. (BMMA – Audition Requirements). In addition, good writing and research skills will be beneficial in all music history courses

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A curriculum that supports an entrepreneurial spirit in the cultural marketplace is an important focus of the KPU music degree. The program opens multiple pathways to career options including performance, studio pedagogy, music education, interdisciplinary arts, and arts management. In addition, the BMMA provides opportunities for leadership development and community-based music initiatives through liaisons with schools, arts organizations, and relevant industry partners. Two proposed concentrations within the program (Studio Pedagogy and Education) include practica, with community and industry partners monitoring student work in studio, classroom, and business settings.

Graduates of the BMMA degree will be able to access post-baccalaureate studies in music education or in graduate music programs emphasizing performance, studio pedagogy, music theory, or musicology will be accessible to graduates of the BMMA degree at universities across North America.

Through a judicious choice of courses and/or further study, BMMA students may also pursue music-related careers in the areas of music services (e.g., music librarian, music therapy), science and technology (e.g., audio engineering, digital audio editor), management (e.g., arts administration, concert promotion), advertising (e.g., music critic, jingle writer), business (music wholesaler/distributor, merchandising, entertainment business lawyer), and music production in the related fields of film, theatre, and television.

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU's General university admission requirements including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

### ▪ Audition/interview

Applicants will receive an invitation to demonstrate their musical and technical skills in an audition, which will take place in April / May. Alternative audition dates are possible for students living outside the Greater Vancouver Region. For those who have completed the university application process by the specified deadline, late auditions may be held in August (subject to seat availability)

For all instruments except piano, the standard of practical work expected at the time of audition is equivalent to Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) Grade 6. The entrance standard for piano is equivalent to RCM Grade 10.

### ▪ A satisfactory score on the KPU Music Placement Test

The placement test assesses the knowledge and skill of the applicant in music theory, music history, and aural musicianship (i.e., ear training). The results will help determine the best point of entry for prospective students.

Applicants who have successfully completed the RCM – Advanced Rudiments Examination in Theory or Conservatory Canada, Theory IV may be exempt from writing the theory section of the placement test upon presentation of the certification of completion on or before the day of the audition.

Applicants who have successfully completed the RCM History 1 Examination may be exempt from writing the history section

of the placement test upon presentation of the certification of completion on or before the day of the audition.

**Note:** One post-secondary English course, equivalent to KPU's ENGL 1100, is a graduation requirement for all KPU degrees. Students wishing to complete the program without having to undertake any preparatory courses must enter with English 12 with a B grade or the equivalent. Please make an appointment with an Academic Advisor to plan your course selections accordingly.

For more details regarding audition requirements and the placement exam, visit: [kpu.ca/music](http://kpu.ca/music).

Applicants not accepted into the BMMA program may be eligible to pursue courses toward the degree via the Associate of Arts in Music. Not all courses in this program are eligible for credit towards the degree program, therefore interested students should consult with either an Educational Advisor or with the Music Department prior to applying. Please note that the Associate of Arts in Music does not include studio lessons (i.e. private instruction).

## CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

For students admitted to Year 1 of the program, continuation into Year 3 requires:

- completion of all Lower Level requirements;
- a cumulative GPA of 2.7; and
- successful completion of MUSIC 2454 or equivalent.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The BMMA program requires a minimum of 122 credits successfully completed. Students completing the General Studies Major may also elect to complete one of four concentrations. Each concentration requires additional credits. Note that concentrations will be offered in the coming years.

Please note, the BMMA requires a total of 18 credits of electives, six (6) of which must be completed before progressing to third year.

**Note:** MUSI courses numbered 3000 to 4999 are assessed Tuition Category 2.a.2 tuition and fees for domestic students.

### General Studies Major

#### LOWER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

Students must successfully complete 66 credits of Lower Level courses to include:

##### 12 credits of Music Theory (all of):

MUSI 1150	The Language of Music I	3 credits
MUSI 1250	The Language of Music II	3 credits
MUSI 2350	The Language of Music III	3 credits
MUSI 2450	The Language of Music IV	3 credits

##### 8 credits of Aural Musicianship (all of):

MUSI 1151	Aural Musicianship I	2 credits
MUSI 1251	Aural Musicianship II	2 credits
MUSI 2351	Aural Musicianship III	2 credits
MUSI 2451	Aural Musicianship IV	2 credits

##### 12 credits of Music History (all of):

MUSI 1153	History of Music I: Antiquity to 1600	3 credits
MUSI 1253	History of Music II: 1600 to 1800	3 credits
MUSI 2353	History of Music III: 1800 to 1900	3 credits
MUSI 2453	History of Music IV: 1900 To The Present	3 credits

##### 4 credits of Keyboard Skills\* (all of):

MUSI 1154	Keyboard Skills I	1 credit
MUSI 1254	Keyboard Skills II	1 credit
MUSI 2354	Keyboard Skills III	1 credit
MUSI 2454	Keyboard Skills IV	1 credit

##### 8 credits of Studio Lessons (all of):

MUSI 1157	Major Instrument - Concentration I	2 credits
MUSI 1257	Major Instrument - Concentration II	2 credits
MUSI 2357	Major Instrument - Concentration III	2 credits
MUSI 2457	Major Instrument - Concentration IV	2 credits

##### 8 credits of Ensemble

###### All of:

MUSI 1167	Kwantlen Strings I	2 credits
MUSI 1267	Kwantlen Strings II	2 credits
MUSI 2367	Kwantlen Strings III	2 credits
MUSI 2467	Kwantlen Strings IV	2 credits

###### Or all of:

MUSI 1168	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble I	2 credits
MUSI 1268	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble II	2 credits
MUSI 2368	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble III	2 credits
MUSI 2468	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble IV	2 credits

###### Or all of:

MUSI 1169	Kwantlen Chorus I	2 credits
MUSI 1269	Kwantlen Chorus II	2 credits
MUSI 2369	Kwantlen Chorus III	2 credits
MUSI 2469	Kwantlen Chorus IV	2 credits

###### Or all of:

MUSI 1171	Guitar Chamber Ensemble I	2 credits
MUSI 1271	Guitar Chamber Ensemble II	2 credits
MUSI 2371	Guitar Chamber Ensemble III	2 credits
MUSI 2471	Guitar Chamber Ensemble IV	2 credits

**6 credits of English/Writing Intensive courses:**

ENGL 1100†	Introduction to University Writing	3 credits
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One additional English/Writing Intensive course		3 credits
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**And:**

MUSI 1112	Introduction to the Music Industry	2 credits
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**And 6 credits of Non-Music Electives:**

Course(s) numbered 1100 or higher, not in the MUSI subject area.		6 credits
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**Note:**

\*Students whose main instrument is piano substitute 4 credits of electives.

†Recommended

Upon successful completion of the lower level requirements, students may be eligible to exit the program and receive a Diploma in Music. For detailed program requirements, see the Diploma in Music.

**UPPER LEVEL REQUIREMENTS**

Student must have successfully completed Lower Level requirements before beginning Upper Level. Completion of Upper Level requires 52 credits of courses to include:

**6 credits of Music Theory (all of):**

MUSI 3550	The Language of Music V: Jazz and Pop	3 credits
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MUSI 3650	The Language of Music VI: Contemporary	3 credits
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**6 credits of Music History (all of):**

MUSI 3553	History of Jazz and Pop Music	3 credits
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MUSI 3653	World Music	3 credits
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**8 credits of Studio Lessons (all of):**

MUSI 3557	Major Instrument - Concentration V	2 credits
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MUSI 3657	Major Instrument - Concentration VI	2 credits
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MUSI 4757	Major Instrument - Concentration VII	2 credits
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MUSI 4857	Major Instrument - Concentration VIII	2 credits
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**8 credits of Ensemble****All of:**

MUSI 3567	Kwantlen Strings V	2 credits
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MUSI 3667	Kwantlen Strings VI	2 credits
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MUSI 4767	Kwantlen Strings VII	2 credits
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MUSI 4867	Kwantlen Strings VIII	2 credits
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**Or all of:**

MUSI 3568	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble V	2 credits
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MUSI 3668	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble VI	2 credits
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MUSI 4768	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble VII	2 credits
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MUSI 4868	Kwantlen Wind Ensemble VIII	2 credits
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**Or all of:**

MUSI 3569	Kwantlen Chorus V	2 credits
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MUSI 3669	Kwantlen Chorus VI	2 credits
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MUSI 4769	Kwantlen Chorus VII	2 credits
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MUSI 4869	Kwantlen Chorus VIII	2 credits
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**Or all of:**

MUSI 3571	Guitar Chamber Ensemble V	2 credits
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MUSI 3671	Guitar Chamber Ensemble VI	2 credits
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MUSI 4771	Guitar Chamber Ensemble VII	2 credits
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MUSI 4871	Guitar Chamber Ensemble VIII	2 credits
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**And both of:**

MUSI 3512	The Business of Music	3 credits
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MUSI 3551	Conducting I	3 credits
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**And 12 credits of Non-Music Electives:**

Any course number 1100 or higher not in the MUSI subject area.	12 credits
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**And 6 additional credits of Music Electives:**

Any MUSI 3000 or higher course not already included in the program	6 credits
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**Major Without Concentration**

To complete their degree, students who choose not to complete one of the Concentrations listed below, must complete an additional four (4) credits of Music Electives (MUSI 3000 or higher courses).

**Studio Pedagogy Concentration**

Students must complete a total of 136 credits, including:

- The General Studies Lower Level and Upper Level Requirements (118 credits),
- Plus 18 additional concentration credits.

**Course work must include all of:**

MUSI 3502	Computer Applications in Music Education	3 credits
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MUSI 3586	Introduction to Music Pedagogy	3 credits
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MUSI 3686	Approaches to Music Education	3 credits
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MUSI 3688	Studio Pedagogy I	2 credits
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MUSI 4788	Studio Pedagogy II	2 credits
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MUSI 4888	Studio Pedagogy III	2 credits
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MUSI 4899	Music Practicum	3 credits
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## Music Education Concentration

Students must complete a total of 136 credits, including:

- The General Studies Lower Level and Upper Level Requirements (118 credits),
- Plus 18 additional concentration credits.

### Course work must include all of:

MUSI 3502	Computer Applications in Music Education	3 credits
MUSI 3586	Introduction to Music Pedagogy	3 credits
MUSI 3686	Approaches to Music Education	3 credits
MUSI 4786	Ensemble Rehearsal Techniques	3 credits
MUSI 4899	Music Practicum	3 credits

### And one of:

MUSI 4751	Conducting II: Instrumental	3 credits
MUSI 4752	Conducting II: Choral	3 credits

## Jazz Studies Concentration

Students must complete a total of 141 credits, including:

- The General Studies Lower Level and Upper Level Requirements (118 credits),
- Plus 23 additional concentration credits.

### Course work must include all of:

MUSI 3590	Orchestration and Arranging	3 credits
MUSI 3591	Composition	3 credits
MUSI 4790	Arranging for Small Ensembles	3 credits
MUSI 3535	Jazz Improvisation I	1.5 credits
MUSI 3635	Jazz Improvisation II	1.5 credits
MUSI 4735	Jazz Improvisation III	1.5 credits
MUSI 4835	Jazz Improvisation IV	1.5 credits

### And either all of:

MUSI 3577	Jazz Band V	2 credits
MUSI 3677	Jazz Band VI	2 credits
MUSI 4777	Jazz Band VII	2 credits
MUSI 4877	Jazz Band VIII	2 credits

### Or all of:

MUSI 3578	Jazz Combo V	2 credits
MUSI 3678	Jazz Combo VI	2 credits
MUSI 4778	Jazz Combo VII	2 credits
MUSI 4878	Jazz Combo VIII	2 credits

## Composition Concentration

Students must complete a total of 136 credits, including:

- The General Studies Lower Level and Upper Level Requirements (118 credits),
- Plus 18 additional concentration credits.

### Course work must include all of:

MUSI 3590	Orchestration and Arranging	3 credits
MUSI 3591	Composition	3 credits
MUSI 4790	Arranging for Small Ensembles	3 credits
MUSI 4791	Contemporary Composition	3 credits
MUSI 3691	Song and Lyric Writing	3 credits
MUSI 3602	Audio Recording and Production Techniques	3 credits

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Private Lessons

Students may major in one of the following: piano, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, guitar, or percussion. Private lessons are generally available only to students enrolled full time in the music programs.

### Secondary Lessons

Students may be eligible for secondary lessons only if they have successfully met all Keyboard Skills requirements (covered in MUSI 1154, 1254, 2354, 2454).

### Private Lesson and Chamber Ensemble Policies and Fees

To be eligible for private lessons, a student must demonstrate commitment to the Music Program by enrolling in a minimum of 9 credits per semester—excluding the lessons themselves. Part-time Music students must consult with the music chair regarding their private instruction options.

Like other post-secondary music programs, KPU charges a private lesson fee in addition to tuition. This is a separate fee, rather than a hidden cost. It is calculated according to the length of the lesson, as follows:

- ½ hour – \$300/semester
- 1 hour – \$500/semester
- 1½ hours – \$700/semester

To offset the cost of the unique chamber ensemble component of the KPU Music Program, a nominal user fee (\$100) is added to the cost of tuition for each chamber ensemble that a student elects or is required to take.

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the major program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Music in Musical Arts, Major in General Studies**.