

## COMPOSITION STUDIES BM \*Suggested Guideline

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Once students begin attending Mason and declare a major they should see their major department advisor for advising. Students must confirm their major requirements with their department advisor and with the Degree Evaluation.**

### REQUIRED HOURS

- This major requires a total of 120 credits to graduate, 45 of which must be at the 300-level and above.

### ADVISING SHEET

- Mason Core Requirement
- ◆ Department Requirement

1 <sup>st</sup> Year – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (Fall)	Credits
○ ENGH 101: English Composition ( <i>Grade C or better</i> )	3
◆ MUSI 113 Aural Skills I	1
◆ MUSI 115 Theory I	3
◆ MUSI 171 Keyboard I ( <i>pianists substitute 371 at a later semester</i> )	1
◆ MUSI 259 Music in Computer Technology	3
◆ MUSI 300 Recital Attendance	0
◆ MUSI 485 Ensemble (choose 1: NSC or Healing Arts Ensemble)	1
◆ Applied Music (Major Instrument)	2
◆ Large Ensemble	1
Semester Total	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Year – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (Spring)	
○ Quantitative Reasoning <i>*see catalog.gmu.edu for course options</i>	3
◆ MUSI 114 Aural Skills II	1
◆ MUSI 116 Theory II	3
◆ MUSI 172 Keyboard Skills II ( <i>pianists substitute 372 at a later semester</i> )	1
◆ MUSI 251 Musical/Oral Communication	3
◆ MUSI 300 Recital Attendance	0
◆ MUSI 361 Class Strings	1
◆ Applied Music (Major Instrument)	2
◆ Large Ensemble	1
Semester Total	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (Fall)	
○ Western Civilization/World History <i>*see catalog.gmu.edu for course options</i>	3
◆ MUSI 213 Aural Skills III	2
◆ MUSI 215 Theory III	3
◆ MUSI 273 Keyboard Skills III	1
◆ MUSI 300 Recital Attendance	0

◆ MUSI 363 Class Woodwinds	1
◆ Applied Music (Major Instrument)	2
◆ Large Ensemble	1
◆ Elective	1
Semester Total	14
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (Spring)</b>	
○ Natural Science <i>*see catalog.gmu.edu for course options</i>	3
◆ MUSI 214 Aural Skills IV	2
◆ MUSI 216 Theory IV	3
◆ MUSI 300 Recital Attendance	0
◆ MUSI 331 Music History in Society I	3
◆ MUSI Secondary Instrument (choose 1: MUSI 365 or 369)	1
◆ Applied Music (Composition)	2
◆ Large Ensemble	1
◆ Elective	1
Semester Total	16
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Fall)</b>	
○ Literature <i>*see catalog.gmu.edu for course options</i>	3
◆ MUSI 300 Recital Attendance	0
◆ MUSI 319 Composition and Arranging	3
◆ MUSI 332 Music History in Society II	3
◆ MUSI 379 Improvisation	1
◆ MUSI 391 Conducting I	2
◆ MUSI 485 Ensemble (choose 1: NSC or Healing Arts Ensemble)	1
◆ Applied Music (Composition)	2
Semester Total	15
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (Spring)</b>	
◆ MUSI 324 Junior Recital (composition performed with MUSI 485 Ensemble)	1
◆ MUSI 396 Conducting II	2
◆ MUSI 419 Orchestration	3
◆ MUSI 438 Music History in Society B	3
◆ MUSI 454 Jazz Arranging	3
◆ MUSI 485 Ensemble (choose 1: NSC or Healing Arts Ensemble)	1
◆ Applied Music (Composition)	2
Semester Total	15
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Fall)</b>	
◆ ENGH 302: Advanced Composition <i>*Humanities (Grade C or better)</i>	3
◆ MUSI 354 Electronic Composition	3
◆ MUSI 366 Class Percussion	1
◆ MUSI 439 Music History in Society C	3
◆ MUSI 485 Ensemble (choose 1: NSC or Healing Arts Ensemble)	1
◆ Applied Music (Composition)	2
◆ Elective	3

	Semester Total	16
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (Spring)</b>		
○ Social/Behavioral Science <i>*see catalog.gmu.edu for course options</i>		3
◆ MUSI 353 Instrument Pedagogy & Literature		3
◆ MUSI 424 Senior Recital		1
◆ MUSI 431 Music History in Society III ( <i>meets Global Understanding gen. ed. requirement</i> )		3
◆ MUSI 485 Ensemble (choose 1: NSC or Healing Arts Ensemble)		1
◆ MUSI 491 Musical Communication in Performance		1
◆ Applied Music (Composition)		2
	Semester Total	14
	Total Hours	120

Notes:

No School of Music course that is required for the major may be unsuccessfully attempted more than three times. A grade of F constitutes an unsuccessful attempt in any given course. Those students who do not successfully complete such a course within three attempts will be terminated from the major. For more information, see AP.5.2.4 Termination from the Major.