

# Music



## What is the Music Program?

HCC's Music Program is designed to challenge and inspire excellence and creativity in students as they pursue personal and professional aspirations in music. HCC provides a nurturing, student-centered environment with personalized instruction to meet students at their current skill level, preparing them to transfer to a four-year bachelor's degree program, and beyond. Students develop a strong foundation and comprehensive understanding of music as performers, composers, and/or listeners.

## What can I do with a music degree?

A degree in music can serve as a launch pad for numerous career paths within the field of music. In addition to careers as music performers, students often pursue opportunities in one or more of the following:

- Composer
- Public school music teacher
- Private instrument instructor
- Professor in higher education
- Professional sound technician
- Professional sound reinforcement
- Small and large ensemble performer
- Music therapist
- Church music leader
- Accompanist
- Arts manager/agent/administrator
- Music historian
- (Ethno)musicologist
- Music critic




- Bandleader/Conductor
- Music arranger
- Humanities instructor
- Careers in non-music disciplines

## Why should I study music at HCC?

HCC offers small class sizes and personalized instruction, providing students the opportunity to work closely with their instructors. Skills learned in applied lessons and music

## PROGRAM OPTIONS

-  A.A.S. Degree, Arts and Sciences, Music Option

## CAREER OUTLOOK

While a degree in music is no guarantee of employment as a fulltime, professional musician, employers may still see a music major as a very attractive applicant. A degree in music, like degrees in many arts and humanities fields, can prepare students for a wide range of career directions outside of the music discipline. Today, more and more technology firms are hiring employees with arts and humanities degrees (rather than technology degrees) due to the need for creative, critical, and empathetic thinkers in the fields of twenty-first-century technology.

(source: [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com))

theory class can be directly implemented in the context of a number of performing ensembles. The music faculty are experts in their respective fields who have enjoyed lengthy careers as performers, directors, composers, teachers, lecturers, and presenters. All faculty at HCC hold advanced degrees from prestigious university and/or conservatory programs.

HCC's music department offers one-on-one lessons in a variety of instruments and voice, including classical and electrical guitar, electric bass, piano, strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass. Applied music lessons are open to all levels of musicians, from beginners to advanced players. Additionally, applied music lessons can be taken as elective credits for current students in other programs.

## What are the program options?

Students can earn an associate of art degree in music. With the completion of this degree, students will be prepared to transfer into a music program at a four-year college or university. Students who have completed HCC's music classes and program have successfully transferred to the following schools:

- Shepherd University
- Shenandoah Conservatory
- Frostburg State University
- New York University



- Towson University
- UMBC
- University of the Arts
- Temple University
- Arizona
- Hood College
- Berklee College of Music
- Shippensburg University
- University of Alabama
- Old Dominion University

A.A.S. Degree

## Arts and Sciences, Music Concentration

The music concentration is designed for those students who are planning to transfer to a four-year degree program in music or related fields. Students wishing to transfer into a four-year music education program may wish to also take MUS 205, EDU 101, and/or PSY 203 after consulting with an academic advisor at the transfer institution.

### General Education Requirements 31-32 credits

#### Arts/Humanities

Select any foreign language course ..... 3  
(German recommended)

Select a course from approved General Education course list ..... 3  
(Mus 102, Mus 180, and Foreign Language Recommended)

#### Behavioral/Social Sciences

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list ..... 6

#### Biological/Physical Science

Select two courses from the approved General Education course list in the - one must be a laboratory course..... 7-8

#### Diversity

Select one course from the approved General Education course list ..... 3

#### English

ENG 101 English Composition ..... 3

Select another course from the approved General Education course list in the English category..... 3

#### Mathematics

MAT 109 Statistics ..... 3

OR

MAT 115 Quantitative Reasoning .....(3)

OR

MAT 160 Precalculus .....(3)

#### Program Requirements

26 credits

MUS 143 Aural Skills I ..... 1

MUS 144 Aural Skills II ..... 1

MUS 175 Introduction to Music Technology ..... 3

MUS 201 Theory of Music I ..... 3

MUS 202 Theory of Music II ..... 3

MUS 241 Theory of Music III ..... 3

MUS 242 Theory of Music IV ..... 3

MUS 243 Aural Skills III ..... 1

MUS 244 Aural Skills IV ..... 1

MUA Applied lessons (per instrument) ..... 4

MUS Ensembles (select three)..... 3

*\*Music majors taking applied lessons for credit must enroll in at least one ensemble each semester applied lessons are taken*

#### Music Ensembles list

MUS 103 Choral Singing I ..... 1

MUS 104 Choral Singing II ..... 1

MUS 107 Jazz Band I ..... 1

MUS 108 Jazz Band II ..... 1

MUS 116 Guitar Ensemble..... 1

MUS 130 Wind Ensemble I ..... 1

MUS 131 Wind Ensemble II ..... 1

MUS 132 Contemporary Music Ensemble I..... 1

MUS 133 Contemporary Music Ensemble II..... 1

MUS 134 String Ensemble I..... 1

MUS 135 String Ensemble II..... 1

MUS 136 Opera Chorus I..... 1

MUS 156 Guitar Ensemble II..... 1

MUS 203 Choral Singing III ..... 1

MUS 204 Choral Singing IV ..... 1

MUS 207 Jazz Band III ..... 1

MUS 208 Jazz Band IV..... 1

MUS 216 Guitar Ensemble III..... 1

MUS 230 Wind Ensemble III ..... 1

MUS 231 Wind Ensemble IV..... 1

MUS 256 Guitar Ensemble IV ..... 1

Free Electives 2-3 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution.

**Degree Requirement.....60**

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