



College of Music

B.M. Composition

2025-2026

This four-year plan provides a model for on-time completion of this UNT program. Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) show how course transfers apply to UNT degree requirements. The four-year plan also shows the first point when no TCCNS options are available for this program. See the current [Undergraduate Catalog](#) for course prerequisites. Course availability at UNT is subject to change, and the plan shown below may change based on updates to UNT's course offerings.

| First Year Fall | | First Year Spring | |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| UNT Core: Mathematics | See list of approved courses | ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700 | ENGL 1302 or 2311 |
| ENGL 1310 | ENGL 1301 | MUAC 15xx | N/A |
| MUAC 15xx | N/A | MUAG 1014 | N/A |
| MUAG 1013 | N/A | MUCP 1190 | N/A |
| MUCP 1180 | N/A | MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A |
| MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A | MUTH 1500 | MUSI 1312 |
| MUTH 1400 | MUSI 1311 | MUTH 1510 | MUSI 1117 |
| MUTH 1410 | MUSI 1116 | Music History & Literature Course ² | MUSI 1307 |

| Second Year Fall | | Second Year Spring | |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| MUAC 15xx | N/A | UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences | See list of approved courses |
| MUCP 2180 | N/A | MUAC 15xx | N/A |
| MUCP 2200 | N/A | MUCP 2190 | N/A |
| MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A | MUCP 2200 | N/A |
| MUTH 2400 | MUSI 2311 | MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A |
| MUTH 2410 | MUSI 2116 or 2216 | MUTH 2500 | MUSI 2312 |
| PHYS 1270 | N/A | MUTH 2510 | MUSI 2117 or 2217 |
| PSCI 2305 | GOVT 2305 | PSCI 2306 | GOVT 2306 |

¹ Up to 4 hours of **MULB** (music laboratory) can be received in transfer, no TCCNS values established. All Bachelor of Music majors must have a minimum of 4 semesters of **MULB** at UNT. This degree requires a minimum of 8 semesters of **MULB** credit (any music laboratory; 4 must be band, orchestra, or choir).

² Select from **MUMH** 1610, 2050, 2060, 3100, or 3200.

Must pass the Piano Proficiency Exam, or continue enrolling in secondary piano each long term/semester until proficiency is passed.

*Must pass the Upper Division Exam to continue in applied study at the **MUAC** 3500 level.*



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| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| UNT Core: American History | See list of approved courses | UNT Core: American History | See list of approved courses |
| MUAC 35xx | N/A | MUAC 35xx | N/A |
| MUCP 3180 | N/A | MUCP 3190 | N/A |
| MUCP 3320 | N/A | MUCP 3670 | N/A |
| MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A | MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A |
| MUMH 3500 | N/A | MUTH 3420 | N/A |
| MUTH 3410 | N/A | MUCP/MUEN Course ³ (Advanced) | N/A |

| Fourth Year Fall | | Fourth Year Spring | |
|--|--|--|---------------------|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences | See list of approved courses | MUCP 4195 | N/A |
| MUAG 3800 | N/A | MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A |
| MUCP 4180 | N/A | MUMH 3510 | N/A |
| MUET 3030 | N/A | MUTH 3510 | N/A |
| MULB 18xx ¹ | N/A | MUCP/MUEN Course ³ (Advanced) | N/A |
| Elective | Consult UNT advisor | Music Course ⁴ (Advanced) | N/A |
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³ Select from **MUCP** 4320, 4685, 4690, 4695, 4590, or **MUEN** 4595 (all at UNT only).

⁴ Select from **MUAE** 3100, **MUAG** 3500, **MUCE** 4000, **MUJS** 3070, a 3000-level or 4000-level **MUTH** or **MUET** course, or a 4000-level **MUMH** course (all at UNT only).



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All students applying for the Composition degree in the College of Music must audition and be accepted on their major performing instrument (or voice). Auditions are held early in the spring semester for the following year's admittance. Lessons from any other school are not automatically equivalent to UNT lessons.

All Composition majors are required to pass the UNT Piano Proficiency exam for graduation. The lower-level courses in piano at UNT are designed to prepare students directly for this examination. Students who transfer in these courses are responsible for all content covered in UNT courses.

Composition majors also must pass the Upper Divisional exam and Concentration Proficiency exam in the principal instrument or voice.

Music Composition majors must complete all required theory, aural skills, and composition courses with no grade lower than a 'B'.

Courses Recommended for Transfer

The UNT Core requirements are shown with Texas Common Course Numbering System values only when UNT offers equivalent courses. There may be other courses in transfer that apply toward the specific degree requirement, but those listed are known to apply.

UNT Core: Communication

ENGL 1301; and **ENGL 1302** or **2311**

A grade of 'C' or higher is required on courses applied toward this requirement.

ENGL 1301 and 1302 are recommended.

UNT Core: Mathematics

One course chosen from: **BUSI 2305**; **MATH 1324**, **1325**, **1332**, **1342**, **2312** or **2412**, **2313** or **2413**

MATH 1332 is recommended.

UNT Core: Life and Physical Sciences

One course for this requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Composition major requirements. In addition, complete one course from the list below (Consult UNT advisor for more options).

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| • ANTH 2401 or 2301/2101 | • GEOL 1403 or 1303/1103 |
| • ASTR 1403 or 1303/1103 | • PHYS 1403 or 1303/1103 |
| • ASTR 1404 or 1304/1104 | • PHYS 1404 or 1304/1104 |
| • BIOL 1408 or 1308/1108 | • PHYS 1410 or 1310/1110 |
| • BIOL 2406 or 2306/2106 | • PHYS 1415 or 1315/1115 |
| • GEOL 1401 or 1301/1101 | |

UNT Core: American History

Two courses chosen from: **HIST 1301**, **1302**, **2301**

UNT Core: Government/Political Science

GOVT 2305 and **2306**

UNT Core: Creative Arts

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Composition major requirements.

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Composition major requirements.

UNT Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences

One course chosen from: **ANTH 2346**, **2351**; **BUSI 1307**; **COMM 1307**; **CRIJ 1301**; **ECON 2301** or **2302**; **GEOG 1303**; **PSYC 2301**; **SOCI 1301**; **SOCW 2361**; **SPCH 1318**; **TECA 1354**

UNT Core: Core Option Courses

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.M. Composition major requirements.

Composition: Major Requirements

TCCNS options:

- **MUSI 1116**
- **MUSI 1117**
- **MUSI 1307** (also fulfills the Creative Arts core requirement)
- **MUSI 1311**
- **MUSI 1312**
- **MUSI 2116** or **2216**
- **MUSI 2117** or **2217**
- **MUSI 2311**
- **MUSI 2312**

Courses listed above are TCCNS options and do not include all courses required for the B.M. Composition major.

Composition: Additional Requirements

Composition majors must meet with the degree program advisor each term/semester until the first 60 hours of course work are completed. It is highly recommended that students continue to meet with the advisor on a regular basis throughout the remainder of the degree program.

All students enrolled in composition lessons are expected to attend division events, including concerts, reading sessions, seminars and weekly Music Now departmentals. Failure to attend these events may result in a lower composition lesson grade. This requirement is additional to any other attendance and assigned work expectations of the course. Exceptions must be approved in advance by the composition instructor.

Students may enroll in no more than one composition lesson each term/semester.

Composition majors are expected to present at least one public performance and/or reading of an original composition each semester; this may include Spectrum programs, composer forums, concerts, reading sessions, student recitals, or performances at off-campus venues.

Composition degree candidates are to maintain a portfolio that includes completed works, recordings and a record of works and performances. This portfolio is submitted to the composition faculty for evaluation at the senior capstone project hearing.

During the senior year a Senior Composition Capstone Project of original work will be presented, the content of which will be determined in consultation with the composition instructor and approved by the composition faculty in a hearing at the beginning end of the term/semester in which prior to that when the senior capstone is presented. The fulfillment of this requirement is contingent upon approval of the senior capstone and portfolio by the composition faculty. Students must be enrolled in **MUCP 4195** during the term/semester in which the capstone is presented.

Candidates must participate in a music laboratory each long term/semester they are enrolled and must complete a minimum of eight terms/semesters of laboratory requirements, four of which must be in band, orchestra, or choir. Any deviation from this plan must be approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.



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College of Music: Admission Requirements

Admission to the College of Music is contingent on clear admission to the university. Those students who intend to be Composition majors must qualify by audition on their principal instrument or voice. Preference will be given to applications received by December 1 for fall admission. For additional procedures and opportunities, please contact the College of Music.

Students unable to audition in person may submit a recording representative of their performance abilities.

All students will have the opportunity to take a placement examination in piano after attending orientation.

Special Notes

Hours Required and General/College Requirements: A minimum of 129 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree as specified in the General University Requirements section of the UNT catalog and the College of Music requirements.

UNT Core Curriculum/Transfer of Core Curriculum: UNT complies with the mandate of the Texas Legislature regarding [Core requirements](#) for state-assisted institutions. Students who successfully complete the common core curriculum (in whole or in part) at a Texas state-assisted institution of higher education are eligible to transfer as “core complete” for those categories in the UNT University Core Curriculum.

Individual academic programs may require courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum. Students who wish to take courses that will fulfill both core and major/program requirements simultaneously should check with academic advisors for assistance in selecting core courses.

Choice of Catalog: Any student transferring directly from a Texas public community college to UNT shall have the same choice of catalog designating degree requirements as the student would have had if the dates of attendance at the university had been the same as the dates of attendance at the community college.

The College of Music required curriculum and policies are located in the [undergraduate catalog](#) under the corresponding catalog year.

For additional program and contact information, visit the College of Music Student Advising website at <https://music.unt.edu/advising>.