APPROVAL FORM FOR

DEGREE PROGRAMS

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

NOTE: This form is a cover sheet that must accompany the degree program change proposal. The actual proposal should be prepared in accordance with format requirements provided in the *Guide and Format for Curriculum Proposals* published by the UCCC. Both cover sheet and proposal should be submitted to UCCC Mail Stop 9702 (281 Garner Hall), Phone: 325-9410.

College: Arts & Sciences **Department:** Music

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Nature of Change: Modification **Date Initiated:** 1/31/24 **Effective Date:** Fall 2024

Current Degree Program Name: Bachelor of Arts in Music
Major: Music **Concentration:** N/A

New Degree Program Name: Bachelor of Arts in Music
Major: Music **Concentration:** N/A

Summary of Proposed Changes: This modification:

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1. Clarify the Math requirements for the BA in Music.

2. Add MU 1101 Communicating about Music as a required course in the Music core. This course is designed to prepare students to complete the Upper Division Performance Exam.

Approved:	Date:
Department Head	1.30.24
Director of Academic Quality	2/8/24
Chair, College or School Curriculum Committee	3/25/2024
Dean of College or School	3/25/24
Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula	
Chair, Graduate Council(if applicable)	
Chair, Deans Council	

Department of Music Degree Modification
Bachelor of Arts in Music

1. Catalog Description

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2. Curriculum Outlines

See attached curriculum outline.

3. Justification and Learning Outcomes

This modification:
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The learning outcomes for the Bachelor of Arts on Music come from the National Association of Schools of Music guidelines and are divided into three areas: general education, musicianship and performance/electives. (NASM Handbook, pages 94-95).

General Education
The student will demonstrate:

- the ability to think, speak, and write clearly and effectively, and to communicate with precision, cogency, and rhetorical force.

- an informed acquaintance with the mathematical and experimental methods of the physical and biological sciences; with the main forms of analysis and the historical and quantitative techniques needed for investigating the workings and developments of modern society.

- an ability to address culture and history from a variety of perspectives.

- understanding of, and experience in thinking about, moral and ethical problems.

- the ability to respect, understand, and evaluate work in a variety of disciplines.
- the capacity to explain and defend views effectively and rationally.
- understanding of and experience in one or more art forms other than music.

Musicianship
The student will demonstrate:

- the ability to hear, identify, and work conceptually with the elements of music such as rhythm, melody, harmony, structure, timbre, texture.
- an understanding of and the ability to read and realize musical notation.
- an understanding of compositional processes, aesthetic properties of style, and the ways these shape and are shaped by artistic and cultural forces.
- an acquaintance with a wide selection of musical literature, the principal eras, genres, and cultural sources.
- the ability to develop and defend musical judgments.

Performance and Music Electives
The student will demonstrate:

- ability in performing areas at levels consistent with the goals and objectives of the specific liberal arts degree program being followed.
- understanding of procedures for realizing a variety of musical styles.
- knowledge and/or skills in one or more areas of music beyond basic musicianship appropriate to the individual's needs and interests, and consistent with the purposes of the specific liberal arts degree program being followed.

Specific questions required by UCCC:

A. Will this program change meet local, state, regional and national educational and cultural needs? If so, how.

The requested change does not affect the original foundations of the BA degree.

B. Will this program change result in duplication in the Mississippi Higher Education system?

The proposed change does not result in added duplication.

C. Will this program change advance student diversity within the discipline? IF so, please describe.

This program change will not affect student diversity in the discipline.

D. Will this program change result in an increase in the potential placement of graduates in MS, the Southeast and the U.S.? If so, please describe.

No.

E. Will this program change result in an increase in the potential salaries of graduates in MS, the Southeast and in the U.S.?

No.

5. Proposed 4-letter abbreviations

The 4-letter abbreviations are not affect in this requested change.

6. Effective Date

Fall 2024

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CURRENT CURRICULUM OUTLINE for all concentrations		**PROPOSED CURRICULUM OUTLINE for all concentrations**	
English Composition		**English Composition**	
EN 1103 English Composition I	3	EN 1103 English Composition I **Or EN 1104 Expanded Composition I**	3
EN 1113 English Composition II Or EN 1173 Accelerated Composition II	3	EN 1113 English Composition II Or EN 1173 Accelerated Composition II	3
Foreign Languages		**Foreign Languages**	
3 semesters - Foreign Language - see advisor	9	3 semesters - Foreign Language - see advisor	9
Humanities		**Humanities**	
Literature Elective - see A&S requirements	3	Literature Elective - see A&S requirements	3
History Elective - see A&S requirements	3	History Elective - see A&S requirements	3
Philosophy Elective - see A&S requirements	3	Philosophy Elective - see A&S requirements	3
Must be from 2 areas - EN, HI, PHI or REL	6	Must be from 2 areas - EN, HI, PHI or REL	6
Met in Major Core	3	Met in Major Core	3

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Mathematics		Quantitative Reasoning	
Choose one of the following: MA 1213 Math in Your World MA 2113 Introduction to Statistics MA 1413 Structure of Real Numbers MA 1423 Pre-Calculus MA 1323 Trigonometry MA 1613 Business Calculus MA 1713 Calculus	3	**MA 1213 Math in Your World [5]**	**3**
Natural Sciences		Natural Sciences	
Physical Sciences w/lab *(CH, GG, PH)* [1]	3-4	Physical Sciences w/lab [1]	3-4
Biological Sciences w/lab *(BIO)* [1]	3-4	Biological Sciences w/lab [1]	3-4
Natural Science Elective [2]	3-4	Natural Science Elective [2]	3-4
Fine Arts		Fine Arts	
Fine Arts: MU 3013 Survey of Western Music History I	3	Fine Arts: MU 3013 Survey of Western Music History I	3
Social Science		Social Science	
See A&S requirements	6	See A&S requirements	6
Must be from 3 areas - AN, CO, EC, GR, PS, PSY or SO	9	See A&S electives	9
Met in Major Core	3	Met in Major Core	3

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MAJOR CORE		Major CORE	
MU 1213 Music Theory I	3	MU 1213 Music Theory I	3
MU 1321 Ear Training I	1	MU 1321 Ear Training I	1
MU 1413 Music Theory II	3	MU 1413 Music Theory II	3
MU 1521 Ear Training II	1	MU 1521 Ear Training II	1
MU 2012 World Music	2	MU 2012 World Music	2
MU 2613 Music Theory III	3	MU 2613 Music Theory III	3
MU 2721 Ear Training III	1	MU 2721 Ear Training III	1
MU 2813 Music Theory IV	3	MU 2813 Music Theory IV	3
MU 2921 Ear Training IV	1	MU 2921 Ear Training IV	1
MU 3023 Survey of Western Music History II	3	MU 3023 Survey of Western Music History II	3
MU 3412 Conducting	2	MU 3412 Conducting	2
MU 2111 Group Piano 1	1	MU 2111 Group Piano 1	1
MU 2121 Group Piano 2	1	MU 2121 Group Piano 2	1
MU 3111 Group Piano 3	1	MU 3111 Group Piano 3	1
MU 3121 Group Piano 4	1	MU 3121 Group Piano 4	1
OR		OR	
MU 3112 Functional Skills for Piano Majors 1	2	MU 3112 Functional Skills for Piano Majors 1	2
MU 3122 Functional Skills for Piano Majors 2	2	MU 3122 Functional Skills for Piano Majors 2	2
		MU 1101 Communicating About Music	1

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Oral Communication Requirement		**Oral Communication Requirement**	
CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	CO 1003 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Computer Literacy Requirement		**Computer Literacy Requirement**	
Writing Requirement		**Writing Requirement**	
EDF 3413 Writing for Thinking (See advisor for other approved courses.) [3]	3	EDF 3413 Writing for Thinking (See advisor for other approved courses.) [3]	3
Applied Study		**Applied Study**	
6 semesters of study at 2 hours per semester:	12	6 semesters of study at 2 hours per semester:	12
2 semesters of 1000-level courses		2 semesters of 1000-level courses	
2 semesters of 2000-level courses		2 semesters of 2000-level courses	
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At least 1 semester of 2000-level and 2 semesters of 3000-level work must be completed at MSU.		At least 1 semester of 2000-level and 2 semesters of 3000-level work must be completed at MSU.	
Ensembles		**Ensembles**	
4 semesters of ensembles must be completed at MSU, two of which must be the designated major ensembles.	4	4 semesters of ensembles must be completed at MSU, two of which must be the designated major ensembles.	4
Other Requirements		**Other Requirements**	
Piano Proficiency Exam		Piano Proficiency Exam	
Upper Division Proficiency Exam		Upper Division Proficiency Exam	
MU 1010 Recital Hour (must be enrolled 8 semesters)	0	MU 1010 Recital Hour (must be enrolled 8 semesters)	

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Recital or Project		Recital or Project	
Music Electives		**Music Electives**	
Music Electives	7-10	**Music Electives**	**6-9**
Met in College Core	6	Met in College Core	6
TOTAL HOURS [4]	122		122

[1] See A&S Core.

[2] Any Natural Sciences from the Arts and Sciences Core can apply. Consult advisor.

[3] Any Arts and Sciences approved writing course can apply. Consult your advisor.

[4] At least 31 hours of upper division (3000 level or higher) hours are required.

[5] **Any course covered in the A&S core would count for these three hours if a student enters MSU with credit already.**

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January 29, 2024

To: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
University Committee on Courses and Curricula

Fr: Department of Music Curriculum Committee

Re: Bachelor of Arts in Music Degree Modification

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The Department of Music Curriculum Committee unanimously supports this degree modification and presents to your committees for review.

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Catron

Dr. Robert Damm

Dr. Matthew Haislip

Dr. Richard Human, chair

Dr. Rosangela Sebba

Dr. Clifton Taylor