

MUSIC - BACHELOR OF MUSIC (B.M.)

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The St. Olaf Music Department creates inspiring musical experiences grounded in an inclusive liberal arts environment, challenging students to excel artistically and engage globally for lives within and beyond the professional music world.

The Music Department offers extensive opportunities to explore, practice, and celebrate the musician's art with an ongoing commitment to a distinctive ensemble program, excellent individualized instruction, and a comprehensive undergraduate music curriculum. We honor St. Olaf's rich heritage spanning more than a century of international artistry and scholarship and will continue to cultivate a spirit of exploration and innovation, seeking and celebrating the transcendent and transforming power of music.

Degrees Offered

The Music Department offers Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Music (B.M.) degrees, which are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. St. Olaf students may also pursue the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music double-degree option.

Bachelor of Music Degree

This is a professional music degree with approximately two-thirds of the course work in music. Students may elect one of five majors:

1. Bachelor of Music in Performance

Graduates often continue with work in performance, preparing for careers as performers and teachers. This major also serves as good preparation for graduate studies in fields like music therapy. Piano and organ performance majors may also pursue an emphasis in collaborative keyboard performance.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the Major

2. Bachelor of Music in Church Music

Graduates generally continue their studies in graduate school or move directly into parishes as church musicians. Careers in conducting, college teaching, or the ministry are also served by this major. Church Music-Organ majors may also pursue an emphasis in collaborative keyboard.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the Major

3. Bachelor of Music in Composition

Graduates generally continue their studies in graduate school, eventually moving toward careers in film music and other media, teaching, or conducting.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the Major

4. Bachelor of Music in Music Education

This professional degree prepares graduates for a career in teaching immediately after graduation. Graduate study is an option as well.

Intended Learning Outcomes for the Major

5. Bachelor of Music with Elective Studies

Substantively integrated with professional music studies, students propose and complete an individualized program of study in a second discipline. Admission to this individualized degree program is by a competitive proposal process. Graduates pursue professional careers in music with substantive connections to an additional arts area, business, science, language and culture, or other sphere of expertise.

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music Double-Degree Program

This program engages students in professional study in music and study in the liberal arts, leading to both the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Students pursuing the double-degree option may choose from five Bachelor of Music graduation majors (church music, composition, elective studies, music education, or performance) and any of the Bachelor of Arts graduation majors except music. Students must meet the application requirements for both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degree programs. This program typically takes five years to complete. Students pursuing this option should consult their advisor as early as possible. See worksheet for more information.

Admission to the Music Major

Students generally apply for entrance into the music major before enrolling but may also apply during the first year of studies at St. Olaf. A complete application for any music major (B.A. or B.M.) requires an audition on the principal instrument/voice, and screenings to test basic music knowledge and skills. Current St. Olaf students should contact the Music Department office by October 1 of their first year for more information. More information for prospective majors.

Admissions to Teacher Education Programs

Entrance applications for B.M. music education programs are processed in the fall of the sophomore year. Interested students must be already-admitted music majors and are classified as B.A. general music majors until accepted into a teacher education degree program. More information.

Continuance

All students in B.M. and teacher education programs are reviewed for continuance. B.M. performance, church music, composition, and elective studies students are generally reviewed at the end of the third semester in the program. Teacher education students are generally reviewed in the fall semester of their junior year. A continuance review includes a juried recital performance, a review of music and overall academic progress, and a possible interview/conference. A student

not approved for continuance in any program is no longer in that program. More information.

Keyboard Proficiency

All music majors must demonstrate keyboard proficiency at a level specified for the major/instrument, and it is recommended that students complete proficiency by the end of the sophomore year. Students may demonstrate proficiency through successful completion of piano classes, or by examination. More information.

Music Ensembles

All full-time students are eligible to audition for membership in any of these musical ensembles. Participation in these ensembles fulfills ensemble graduation requirements for music majors.

Vocal Ensembles

St. Olaf Choir, Chapel Choir, St. Olaf Cantorei, Chamber Singers, Manitou Singers, Viking Chorus, Musical Theater Lab

Instrumental Ensembles

St. Olaf Band, Norseman Band, St. Olaf Orchestra, St. Olaf Philharmonia, Collegium Musicum, Jazz Ensembles, Handbell Choirs

Additional opportunities for ensemble performance include Collegiate Chorale, Horn Club, Percussion Ensemble, Gamelan, and Lars Skjervheim Spelemannslag (Norwegian Hardanger Fiddle group). Participation in these ensembles does not fulfill graduation requirements for music majors.

Distinction

The Music Department does not offer departmental distinction. Students may be eligible for membership in Pi Kappa Lambda, the music honor society.

B.M. Requirements

Requirements that apply to all B.A. and B.M. music majors:

Admission to the Music Major

See Music Admissions and Scholarship Information

- application
- principal-instrument/voice audition repertoire
- music knowledge and keyboard skills screening

S/U Policy: No required course in the major can be taken S/U.

Music majors who study away or abroad may petition the chair of the department for approval of a maximum of two (2) courses, plus performance studies. Independent study or research may count as one of these courses.

Bachelor of Music Degree
B.M. in Performance

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Requirements for the Major
Additional Entrance Requirements

See Music Major Entrance Information

- academic/music review, possible interview/conference

Program Continuance

See Music Major Continuance Information

- generally during third semester in the program
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the BM Performance program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree ¹		
General graduation requirements for all B.M. degrees ²		
Core Music Courses		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
Select 2 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
Select 2 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives (can include secondary performance studies)		2
Performance Studies		6
Once accepted into the B.M. Performance program, students must register for a minimum of 6 semesters of 1.0 credit lessons (4 at Level I, subsequent at Level II)		
Required Performances ³		
2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital (may include Entrance and Continuance)		
Entrance examination		
Continuance examination		
Junior half recital		
Senior full recital		
Official Ensemble Participation		
Every semester in an official ensemble		
Required Recital Attendance ⁴		
10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60		
S/U Policy		
No required course in the major can be taken S/U		
Total Credits		15.5

1

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

Additional Requirements for Emphasis in Voice

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 263	Lyric Diction I (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 264	Lyric Diction II (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 281	Vocal Solo Literature I (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 282	Vocal Solo Literature II (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 291	Vocal Development and Pedagogy	0.25
MUSIC 292	Vocal Pedagogy II	0.25

Select one of the following: **1**

MUSIC 267	Advanced Acting for the Lyric Stage	
MUSIC 268	Opera Creation Residency in the Schools: Civic Engagement	
MUSIC 269	Opera Workshop	

Select 0.50 additional course from Level II or Level III music electives (can include secondary performance studies). Please see note below regarding the possibility of 1.50 credits being required. ¹

Required world languages:

Students are required to do two semesters of either French or German (or proficiency exam) plus two semesters of a second world language (or proficiency exam)

Total Credits **4**

1

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 4, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, MUSIC 261, and MUSIC 262; however, the student would then be required to add 1.00 credits to the major for a total of 1.50 additional music electives.

Additional Requirements for Emphasis in Strings

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25

MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25) (2 semesters at 0.25 each)	0.50
MUSIC 295	String Literature and Pedagogy (0.50)	0.50
Select 2.25 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives (can include secondary performance studies). Please see note below regarding the possibility of 3.00 credits being required.		2.25

Total Credits **4**

1

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 3, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, and MUSIC 261; however, the student would then be required to add 0.75 credits to the major for a total of 3.00 additional music electives.

Additional Requirements for Emphasis in Piano

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 270	Advanced Keyboard Skills (minimum grade of B-)	0.25
MUSIC 283	Piano Literature (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 293	Keyboard Pedagogy (0.50)	0.50
Select 2.25 additional courses from Level II or Level II music electives (can include secondary performance studies)		2.25
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25)	0.25
1 semester of MUSPF 106, Collaborative Keyboard (0.25)		.25

Total Credits **4**

Additional Requirements for Emphasis in Winds, Brass, Percussion

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ¹	0.25
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25) (2 semesters)	0.50
MUSIC 298	Independent Study (Pedagogy and Literature)	1

Select 1.75 additional courses from Level II or Level II music electives (can include secondary performance studies). Please see note below regarding the possibility of 2.50 credits being required. ¹

Total Credits **4**

1

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 3, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, and MUSIC 261; however, the student would then be required to add 0.75 credits to the major for a total of 2.50 additional music electives.

Additional Requirements for Emphasis in Organ

Code	Title	Credits
MUSIC 270	Advanced Keyboard Skills (minimum grade of B-)	0.25
MUSIC 293	Keyboard Pedagogy (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 298	Independent Study (Organ Literature)	1
Select 2.25 additional courses from Level II or Level II music electives (can include secondary performance studies)		2.25
Total Credits		4

This emphasis can be added only to a B.M. Performance major with an emphasis in either organ or piano.

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Music Courses		
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25) (2 semesters)	0.5
MUSIC 281	Vocal Solo Literature I (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 282	Vocal Solo Literature II (0.25)	0.25
MUSPF 106	Performance Studies: Collaborative Keyboard	1.0
Select 1.0 credit from the following:		1
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 253	Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 263	Lyric Diction I (0.25)	
MUSIC 264	Lyric Diction II (0.25)	
MUSIC 267	Advanced Acting For The Lyric Stage	
MUSIC 268	Opera Creation Residency in the Schools: Civic Engagement	
MUSIC 269	Opera Workshop	
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25) (additional semesters)	
MUSPF 106 Additional semester of collaborative keyboard performance study		
Total Credits		3

* By completing this major, the student also satisfies the OLE Core Writing in the Major requirement.

B.M. in Church Music

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Requirements for the Major B.M. in Church Music - with Choral Emphasis Special Entrance Requirements

See Music Major Entrance Information

Students must already be enrolled at the college and may apply for entrance in first year, spring semester.

Entrance requirements:

- complete application (due October 15, March 15)
- vocal audition in a student recital
- academic/music review, possible interview/conference

Program Continuance

See Music Major Continuance Information

- generally during Junior year, fall semester
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the B.M. Church Music program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree ¹		
General graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degrees ²		
Core Music Courses		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 235	Music in Christian Worship	1
MUSIC 236	Church Music Practicum	0.50
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.5
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 263	Lyric Diction I (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 264	Lyric Diction II (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 287	Choral Literature I (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 291	Vocal Development and Pedagogy	0.25
MUSIC 292	Vocal Pedagogy II	0.25
MUSIC 354	Advanced Conducting (0.50)	0.50
Select 2 courses from Level III electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
Select 2 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives		2
EDUC 355	Teaching of Music in the Elementary School	1
Voice Performance Studies Lessons		
6 semesters (0.50 credit following admission to the major)		3

Keyboard Performance Studies Lessons

5 semesters in addition to MUSIC 262 (any combination of 0.25-credit piano lessons, organ lessons, or piano classes: MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, MUSIC 261) 1.25

Required Performances³

2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital (may include Entrance/Continuance)

Entrance examination

Continuance examination

Junior or Senior Half Voice Recital

MUSPF 330 Capstone Performance Project/
Conducting Lessons .5

Official Ensemble Participation

Every semester in an official choral ensemble

Required Recital Attendance⁴

10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60

Total Credits 19.5

1

The OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

B.M. in Church Music - with Emphasis in Organ

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Special Entrance Requirements

See Music Major Entrance Information

Students may apply/audition and enroll at the time of matriculation, or they may apply during their first year to enter program.

Students already enrolled at St. Olaf:

- complete application (due October 15, March 15)
- organ audition in a student recital
- academic/music review, possible interview/conference

Program Continuance

See See Music Major Continuance Information

- generally during third semester in the program
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the BM Church Music program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree ¹		

General graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree ²		
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Core Music Courses

MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 235	Music in Christian Worship	1
MUSIC 236	Church Music Practicum	0.5
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.5
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	0.5
MUSIC 270	Advanced Keyboard Skills (minimum grade of B-)	0.25
MUSIC 290	Fundamentals of Vocal Development for Instrumentalists	0.5

Select one of the following:		0.5
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MUSIC 253	Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 354	Advanced Conducting (0.50)	

Select 2 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
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Select 3 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives		3
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MUSPF 128 Organ Performance Studies	4
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MUSPF 228 Organ Performance Studies	2
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Once accepted into the B.M. in Church Music program, students must register for a minimum of 6 semesters of 1.0 credit organ lessons (4 at Level I, subsequent at Level II)	
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MUSPF 152 Voice Performance Studies: 1 semester	.25
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Required Performances³

2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital (may include Entrance and Continuance)

Entrance examination

Continuance examination

Junior Half Recital

Senior Full Recital

Official Ensemble Participation

Every semester in an official choral ensemble

Required Recital Attendance:⁴

10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60

Total Credits 20

1

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

4

See music handbook.

**By completing this major, the student also satisfies the OLE Core Writing in the Major requirement.*

B.M. in Composition

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Requirements for the Major

Additional Entrance Requirements

- apply during first or second year of study at St. Olaf, and after completion of one composition course
- composition portfolio, interview with composition faculty

See Music Major Entrance Information

Program Continuance

- generally during third semester in the program
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the BM Composition program*

See Music Major Continuance Information

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core requirements for all B.M. degrees ¹		
General graduation requirements for all B.M. degrees ²		
Core courses		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 166	Brass Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 167	Percussion Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 168	String Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 169	Woodwind Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 223	Composition I	1
MUSIC 225	Music in the Electronic Medium	1
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.5
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ³	0.25

MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25) (minimum grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 314	Analysis of Post-Tonal Music	1
MUSIC 324	Composition II: Orchestration	1
MUSPF 326	Composition Lesson (4 semesters) (0.25 each)	1
Select one of:		0.5
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 253	Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	
Select 2 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
Select 3 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives		3
PHYS 252	Musical Acoustics	1

Performance Studies

6 semesters (0.25 each); 4 in the same instrument/voice	1.5
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Official Ensemble Participation

Every semester in an official ensemble

Required Performances ⁴

2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital

Required Recital Attendance ⁵

10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60

Continuance examination must be completed before senior recital

Required Portfolio

With approval of the composition faculty, the student submits a portfolio of at least 3 compositions previously submitted for Level III composition courses to the music office by May 1 of the senior year

Senior recital of original works

Total Credits	20.5
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1

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the General Education requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 4, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, 162, 261, and MUSIC 262; see Keyboard Proficiency Requirements

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See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

**By completing this major, the student also satisfies the OLE Core Writing in the Major requirement.*

B.M. in Music Education

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Requirements for the Major B.M. in Music Education - Instrumental

Please see Overview of St. Olaf's Teacher Education Program and General Requirements and Procedures

Additional Entrance Requirements

See Music Major Entrance Information

In sophomore year, spring semester:

- complete application (due October 15, March 15): BM Music Education
- full academic review
- recital performance on principal instrument/voice

Program Continuance

See Music Major Continuance Information

- generally in junior year, second semester
- juried recital performance, academic review, possible interview/conference
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the Teacher Education Program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core requirements for all B.M. degrees ¹		
General graduation requirements for all B.M. degrees ²		
Core Music Courses		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (with grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (with grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 165	Guitar Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 166	Brass Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 167	Percussion Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 168	String Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 169	Woodwind Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 221	Instrumental Literature and Arranging	0.50
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 253	Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (with grade of B-) ⁴	0.25
MUSIC 290	Fundamentals of Vocal Development for Instrumentalists	0.50
Select one of the following:		0.50

MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 354	Advanced Conducting (0.50)	
Select 2 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
Select 1 additional course from Level II or Level III music electives		1
Performance Studies		2.5
6 semesters. Prior to entrance into the B.M. Music Education program, lessons on licensure instrument will be 0.25 credits; following entrance, typically spring of sophomore year, lessons will be 0.50 credits.		
EDUC 355	Teaching of Music in the Elementary School	1
EDUC 356	Teaching of Music in the Middle and High School (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 359	Teaching of Instrumental Music (0.50)	0.50
Official Ensemble Participation		
Every semester in an official instrumental ensemble		
1 semester in an official choral ensemble		
Required Performances ⁵		
2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital		
2 chamber music performances		
Senior Half Recital		
Required Recital Attendance ⁶		
10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60		
Education Courses		
Required elective in Art, Theater, or Lyric Theater		1
EDUC 231	Understanding Substance Abuse (0 credit)	0
EDUC 272	Counseling and Communication in Schools (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 291	Instructional Technology (0 credit)	0
EDUC 295	Foundations of Education	1
EDUC 330	Planning, Instruction, and Assessment	1
EDUC 374	Reading in the Content Area (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 375	Differentiated Instruction for Exceptional Learners (0.50)	0.50
Required Elective Education Course: Select One of the Following:		1
EDUC 170	Urban Schools and Communities (study away)	
EDUC 378	Multicultural Education in Hawaii: Seminar and Practicum (study away)	
EDUC 379	Urban Education Practicum and Seminar (study away)	
Professional Semester Education Courses		
EDUC 381	Senior Seminar (0.50)	0.50

EDUC 382	Human Relations (0 Cr)	0
EDUC 385	Issues in Education (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 389	Student Teaching (3.0)	3
Total Credits		26.5

1

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 2, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161 and MUSIC 162

4

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 3, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, and MUSIC 261

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See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

B.M. in Music Education - Vocal

Please see Overview of St. Olaf's Teacher Education Program and General Requirements and Procedures

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Additional Entrance Requirements

See Music Major Entrance Information

In sophomore year, spring semester:

- complete application (due October 15, March 15): B.M. Music Education
- full academic review
- recital performance on principal instrument/voice

Program Continuance

See Music Major Continuance Information

- generally in junior year, second semester
- juried recital performance, academic review, possible interview/conference
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the Teacher Education Program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree ¹		
General graduation requirements for all B.M. degrees ²		
Core Music Courses		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ³	0.25

MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 165	Guitar Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	0.50
Select one of the following:		0.50
MUSIC 253	Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 354	Advanced Conducting (0.50)	
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ⁴	0.25
MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25) (with a grade of B-)	0.25
MUSIC 287	Choral Literature I (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 291	Vocal Development and Pedagogy	0.25
MUSIC 292	Vocal Pedagogy II	0.25
Select 2 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)		2
Select 1.75 additional courses from Level II or Level III music electives		1.75

Performance Studies **2.5**

6 semesters. Prior to entrance into the BM Music Education program, voice lessons will be 0.25 credits; following entrance, typically spring of sophomore year, lessons will be 0.50 credits.

EDUC 355	Teaching of Music in the Elementary School	1
EDUC 356	Teaching of Music in the Middle and High School (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 358	Teaching of Vocal Music in the Secondary School (0.50)	0.50

Official Ensemble Participation

Every semester in an official choral ensemble

Required Performances⁵

2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital

2 vocal chamber music performances

Senior Half Recital

Required Recital Attendance⁶

10 recitals per semester on campus, with a minimum of 60

Professional Education

Required elective in Art, Theater, or Lyric Theater		1
EDUC 231	Understanding Substance Abuse (0 credit)	0
EDUC 291	Instructional Technology (0 credit)	0
EDUC 295	Foundations of Education	1
EDUC 330	Planning, Instruction, and Assessment	1

EDUC 374	Reading in the Content Area (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 375	Differentiated Instruction for Exceptional Learners (0.50)	0.50

Required Elective Education Course: Select One of the Following: **1**

EDUC 170	Urban Schools and Communities (study away)
EDUC 378	Multicultural Education in Hawaii: Seminar and Practicum (study away)
EDUC 379	Urban Education Practicum and Seminar (study away)

Professional Semester Education Courses

EDUC 381	Senior Seminar (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 382	Human Relations (0 Cr)	0
EDUC 385	Issues in Education (0.50)	0.50
EDUC 389	Student Teaching (3.0)	3

Total Credits **26**

1

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

2

See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

3

By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 2, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161 and MUSIC 162

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By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level 3, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, and MUSIC 261

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See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

**By completing this major, the student also satisfies the OLE Core Writing in the Major requirement.*

B.M. with Elective Studies

Music Department Degree Information and Worksheets

Requirements for the Major

Additional Entrance Requirements

Music Major Entrance Information

- applicants must be already-enrolled music majors (BA or BM) and may apply as early as first year, spring semester; application packets available in the music office (CHM 101) (due October 15, March 15)
- identify music and elective studies advisors
- application portfolio, including explanation of intended integration between music and the area of elective studies, list of proposed elective courses and other learning experiences, draft proposal for synthesis project

- performance audition
- academic review, interview

Program Continuance

Music Major Continuance Information

- at the end of third semester in the program, not later than Junior year, spring semester
- *students not approved for continuance are no longer in the BM Elective Studies program*

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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OLE Core Requirements for the Bachelor of Music Degree ¹

General graduation requirements for all B.M. degrees ²

Core Music Courses

MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ³	0.25
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.5
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25) (with a grade of B-) ⁴	0.25
MUSIC 298	Independent Study (Synthesis Project: Capstone project that combines Music with the second discipline)	1

Select 3 courses from Level III music electives, including at least one upper-level musicology elective (MUSIC 34x)	3
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Select 5 additional courses from Level II and Level III music electives	5
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Performance Studies Lessons

6 semesters (0.25 credit prior to admission into BM Elective Studies and 0.5 credit after admission, with a minimum of 4 semesters of 0.5 credit lessons)	2.5
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Official Ensemble Participation

Every semester in an official ensemble

Required Performances ⁵

2 solo performances on a St. Olaf Student Recital

Required Application Process

Entrance examination as outlined in the catalog

Continuance examination as outlined in the catalog

Required Recital Attendance ⁶

10 recitals per semester, with a minimum of 60

Electives in secondary field of study**6****Total Credits****23.75****1**

See the OLE Core requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

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See the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Music degree.

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By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level III, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161 and MUSIC 162

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By successfully completing Keyboard Proficiency Exam Level III, a student is exempt from MUSIC 161, MUSIC 162, and MUSIC 261.

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See Performance Requirements for Music Majors

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See music handbook.

**By completing this major, the student also satisfies the OLE Core Writing in the Major requirement.*

Courses

Music Performance Studies

Music performance studies provide a direct opportunity to think and speak the language of music. Lessons integrate aspects of music's cultural and historical contexts, its theoretical properties, and the physical and psychological facets of performance. All music performance studies courses are repeatable up to a total of eight times (ten times if a student is pursuing the double-degree option).

Variable credit private lessons are available in bassoon, clarinet, collaborative piano, composition, cornet, drum set, euphonium, flute, French horn, Hardanger fiddle, harp, harpsichord, historic winds, jazz trombone, jazz saxophone, oboe, organ, percussion, piano, jazz piano, saxophone, string bass, trombone, trumpet, tuba, viola, violin, violoncello, and voice. Lessons are catalogued as level I and level II Music Performance Studies (MUSPF) courses, and course numbers are referenced in the St. Olaf class and lab schedule.

Music performance studies are offered at three credit levels:

- 0.25 credit: weekly half-hour lessons, daily minimum one-hour practice expectation
- 0.50 credit: weekly one-hour lessons, daily minimum two-hour practice expectation
- 1.00 credit: weekly one-hour lessons, daily minimum three-hour practice expectation

Registration for all applied music lessons is processed through the Music Office (HOM 245). Elective private study for non-music majors (0.25 credit) is available on a space-available basis to students demonstrating sufficient skill level gained through prior study.

All Bachelor of Arts Music students and all Bachelor of Music majors receive a lesson scholarship for principal instrument/voice study.

For all elective and secondary instrument/voice performance studies, students are assessed a fee of \$650 per 0.25 credit. Fees will be

refunded only if a student drops the course by the 6th day of classes each semester. No refund is given thereafter.

Enrolled students are expected to participate in studio classes, attend music department-approved events, and fulfill performance-related requirements as detailed by individual instructors. An individual performance jury is required each semester.

To perform solo on any official recital, students must be concurrently enrolled in lessons on the performing instrument/voice.

Music Courses

MUSIC 112: Introduction to Musicianship

First-semester music majors begin formal musicianship studies. Students perform basic melodies and rhythms at sight, and notate dictations of basic rhythms, melodies and harmonic progressions. Students also analyze and compose Western tonal music employing the rubrics of rhythm and meter, pitch, intervals, scales, tertian chords, inversions, harmonic progression, and SATB voice leading. Offered annually in the fall semester. Does not count toward B.A. music major or any B.M. music major.

Prerequisite: concurrent registration in MUSIC 161 is strongly encouraged.

MUSIC 114: Musicianship: Tonality

First-semester music majors begin formal musicianship studies. Students perform rhythms and melodies at sight. Students also analyze and compose Western tonal music that employs non-dominant seventh chords, applied chords, sequences, modulations, and small forms. These topics are closely integrated into melodic and harmonic dictations. Class meets four times weekly. Offered annually.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 112. Concurrent registration in MUSIC 162 is strongly encouraged.

MUSIC 130: The Music Spectrum

Designed for students with little or no background in music, this hands-on course presents the fundamental materials of music through creative keyboard experiences, music listening, music reading, and aural and visual analysis. Students gain a basic introduction to the piano and to music notation and music theory. Offered periodically during January term. Does not count toward B.A. music major or any B.M. music major.

MUSIC 131: The Art of Music

Primarily for non-music majors, this course presents the fundamental materials of music and exposes students to the development of styles, ideals, practices, and technologies that provide context for listening with understanding. Through a study of landmark works from the 17th to the 20th century, students develop and practice listening techniques that sharpen critical perception and open the door to a fuller enjoyment of all styles of music. The ability to read musical scores is helpful but not required. Offered periodically. Does not count toward B.A. music major or any B.M. music major.

MUSIC 134: Rock Music: Style and Context

This course explores the history and evolution of rock music from rhythm and blues through the present. In addition to covering stylistic trends and significant artists, emphasis is placed on the analysis of rock styles and on the social contexts in which rock music has been and continues to be performed and received. No formal training in music is necessary. Offered periodically. Does not count toward B.A. music major or any B.M. music major.

MUSIC 135: *Race in 20th Century Music*

This course examines how race influences 20th century music. Students study a representative body of music from both popular and art music traditions, learn the basic elements of music and critical listening skills. Offered periodically during January term. Does not count toward B.A. music major or any B.M. music major.

MUSIC 141: *Introduction to Musicology*

This course introduces students to the study of music in cultural and historical perspective. Students explore a broad array of classical and vernacular traditions from throughout the world with the goal of formulating and answering questions about music's nature and about its use by people in diverse times and places. Students also develop essential skills for thinking and writing critically about music-related subjects. Offered every fall and spring semester.

MUSIC 148: *Contemporary Styles Voice Class*

Contemporary Styles Voice Class is open to all students regardless of music background and will focus on singing techniques utilized in contemporary music. Students will develop healthy techniques for breathing and vocalizing in the three core singing techniques used in all contemporary genres: belt, mix, and legit. Students will choose their own repertoire from any style, including but not limited to: pop, jazz, rock, blues, country, R&B, gospel, contemporary music theater, hip hop, etc. Offered annually each semester.

MUSIC 161: *Piano Class I (0.25)*

For music majors with little or no prior keyboard experience, this course introduces basic keyboard patterns and technical foundations, applied music theory, harmonization and transposition, and playing by ear. Development of sight playing skill is a central focus. Class sessions include reading, ensemble playing, performance, skill development and drill, and structured improvisation. A grade of B- or higher satisfies Piano Proficiency Level 1 requirements. Offered annually in the fall semester. Concurrent registration in MUSIC 112 is strongly encouraged.

Prerequisite: declared music major.

MUSIC 162: *Piano Class II (0.25)*

In this continuation of MUSIC 161, students further develop their reading fluency and technical skill, and work with more advanced harmonic idioms. Class activities include harmonization and transposition, score reading, performance, by-ear playing, and improvisation. A grade of B- or higher satisfies Piano Proficiency Level 2 requirements. Offered annually in the spring semester. Concurrent registration in MUSIC 114 is strongly encouraged.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 161, completion of Piano Proficiency Level 1, or audition placement.

MUSIC 164: *Voice Class (0.25)*

Through group instruction, students encounter the fundamentals of singing and an introduction to song literature. In-class performance is required. May be repeated once. Offered each semester.

MUSIC 165: *Guitar Techniques (0.25)*

Students learn the basics of guitar playing as well as how to teach guitar classes. Course topics include: learning to play guitar at a basic level; tuning and maintaining a guitar; common performance issues and possible solutions; best practices for teaching class guitar; materials, methods and assessments for teaching guitar classes; the guitar as a tool for composition; technology for teaching, learning or composing for guitar. Required for BM music education majors. Others may register if space allows. Offered annually in fall semester.

Prerequisite: declared music education major.

MUSIC 166: *Brass Techniques (0.25)*

Students learn basic performance practice on core instruments in each instrument family. Additional topics include: common performance issues and their possible solution; Best Practices in teaching and learning core instruments of the family; and technology for teaching, learning, or composing for instruments as appropriate. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: declared music education or composition major or permission of the instructor.

MUSIC 167: *Percussion Techniques (0.25)*

Students learn basic performance practice on core instruments in each instrument family. Additional topics include: common performance issues and their possible solution; Best Practices in teaching and learning core instruments of the family; and technology for teaching, learning, or composing for instruments as appropriate. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: declared music education or composition major or permission of the instructor.

MUSIC 168: *String Techniques (0.25)*

Students learn basic performance practice on core instruments in each instrument family. Additional topics include: common performance issues and their possible solution; Best Practices in teaching and learning core instruments of the family; and technology for teaching, learning, or composing for instruments as appropriate. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: declared music education or composition major or permission of the instructor.

MUSIC 169: *Woodwind Techniques (0.25)*

Students learn basic performance practice on core instruments in each instrument family. Additional topics include: common performance issues and their possible solution; Best Practices in teaching and learning core instruments of the family; and technology for teaching, learning, or composing for instruments as appropriate. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: declared music education or composition major or permission of the instructor.

MUSIC 170: *Introduction to Kodály Pedagogy (0.25)*

This course introduces students to philosophical, methodological, and pedagogical principles developed by 20th-century composer and ethnomusicologist Zoltán Kodály. Students actively engage in aural skills training, movement, instrumental, and creative work. In-depth readings and discussions of historical foundations of the Kodály-inspired movement challenge students to critically examine its Euro-centric roots and subsequent connections to 21st-century topics in music. This course is open to music majors and non-majors. Offered periodically.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 112 or MUSIC 114 or permission of the instructor.

MUSIC 212: *Chromatic Musicianship and Form*

Second-semester music majors continue formal musicianship studies. Students perform advanced rhythms and increasingly chromatic melodies at sight. Students analyze and compose Western tonal music that employs modal mixture, Neapolitan chords, augmented-sixth chords, and remote modulations, all of which are closely integrated into melodic and harmonic dictations. Students analyze the principle movement-length forms. Class meets four times weekly. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 214: Post-Tonal Musicianship

Music majors continue formal musicianship studies. Students analyze and compose Western art music in styles from 1875 to the present, including late-nineteenth-century chromaticism, serialism and set theory, impressionism and neoclassicism, and blues and jazz styles. Performance and dictation studies follow these topics closely, including an introduction to jazz improvisation. Class meets four times weekly. Offered annually in spring.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 221: Instrumental Literature and Arranging

The music found in rehearsal folders plays a pivotal role in shaping the curricular focus of a school band or orchestra. This class helps students develop skills in assessing, selecting, and creating high-quality music literature appropriate for instructing instrumental ensembles in elementary and secondary schools. A comprehensive review of recommended published repertoire culminates in programming projects. Additionally, students acquire the technical craft and artistic sensibilities needed to create successful arrangements for instrumental ensembles. Required for BM music instrumental education majors. Offered alternate years in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 223: Composition I

Students are introduced to a number of compositional techniques and apply them in creating original works of music and hearing them performed. Participants listen to important 20th- and 21st-century compositions, and discuss current trends in music, the changing role of the composer in society, and practical composition issues. Offered each semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114, or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 225: Music in the Electronic Medium

This course is a hands-on study of the science, aesthetics, history and current practices of electronic music. Creative projects include work with MIDI synthesizers and sequencers, as well as digital sampling and software synthesis. Offered alternate years during January term.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or above.

MUSIC 226: Coding Music

Most music encountered today is either processed by computer or created entirely digitally. This course provides an introduction to the creation of computer music using programming languages and emphasizing object-oriented programming. Students develop skills in abstract and quantitative reasoning in a musical context. They develop their ability to recognize and employ musical patterns and structures in creating new pieces of music. Topics include digital synthesis, timbral design, live coding, and intonation. Offered periodically.

Prerequisite: a basic knowledge of musical theory or notation is helpful but not necessary.

MUSIC 227: Practicing for Musical Success

The musical product is an artistic expression; acquiring the skills necessary to make good music depends on the performer's analytical thinking and good time management - also, at times, imagination. This performance-based course will help students develop good practice management skills, working with several strategies and techniques that may enable them to better discern and achieve their musical objectives. Offered periodically during January term.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

MUSIC 229: Jazz Improvisation (0.50)

Students learn to create improvised solos based on standard jazz practice from different historical eras. To internalize the styles of jazz masters from different time periods, participants transcribe recorded jazz solos by ear and perform them in class. Students gain appreciation of and experience with different harmonic and scalar conceptions through performing and analyzing selected jazz solos. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists. Offered annually in the spring semester.

MUSIC 230: African American Song Literature

This course invites students into a relationship with song literature by African American composers. Students will examine this genre through the lens of social movements that shaped and impacted musical development despite under-representation in the canon. Additionally, students will focus on Black identity and aesthetics while analyzing poetry and researching historical and living composer narratives. This course's primary goal is to prepare students to advocate and perform these works for 21st-century audiences. Offered periodically.

MUSIC 231: History of Jazz

This course presents a study of the historical development of jazz, from its roots in blues and ragtime at the "beginning" of the 20th century to the present, focusing on its principal forms and styles, its role in American culture, and contributions of major artists. Offered periodically.

MUSIC 234: Perspectives on Flamenco in Seville, Granada and Madrid (study abroad)

Flamenco is the collective protest of an oppressed people, a melting pot of musical influences, an oral tradition, a folkloric art, a fine art, and one of Spain's major cultural practices, globalized and marketed to the world as an expression of national identity. In this course, students study the history, theory, and practice of flamenco music in the region that produced it - Andalusia. Students also visit Madrid, exploring Spain's capital city and examining flamenco's influence on popular and classical music. Offered periodically during January term.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing.

MUSIC 235: Music in Christian Worship

Students study the musical history of hymnody and its relationship to the history of the church. In addition, this course explores the Biblical Psalms and their use in worship of the church and includes references to their musical settings in Gregorian chant, Anglican chant, responsorial settings, and choral music. Offered periodically during January term.

Prerequisite: declared music major.

MUSIC 236: Church Music Practicum

Students develop skills and study materials essential to planning and leading worship and training/rehearsing ensembles in a church music program in various traditions. Musical topics include rehearsing and conducting from the keyboard, hymn playing in various styles, playing from chord symbols, global percussion and handbell techniques. Repertoire includes choral music for all ages and for all parts of the church year. Students also explore current issues in church music, the vocation/philosophy of the church musician, organization and administration. Required for B.M. church music major. Offered alternate years in spring semester.

Prerequisite: declared music major.

MUSIC 237: Local and Global Musicking

This course explores how musicians and music researchers impact society. Building on skills and concepts developed in Music 141, this course addresses questions related to ethical musicking in an unequal world. Students study a series of case studies, experience hands-on workshops with local performers, and design community engaged music research proposals. Studying local examples of engagement with music and musicians from around the world prepares students to carry out collaborative musical work wherever they are.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 141 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 239: Javanese Gamelan

This course introduces students to the cultural, theoretical, and aesthetic discourses of the Javanese Gamelan tradition. Incorporating lectures, discussions, audiovisual materials, and performance sessions with internationally renowned artists, this interdisciplinary course teaches students about historical and contemporary contexts for gamelan performance, shadow puppet theatre, and dance, and their relationship to religious practice, gender roles, and social and political life in Java and beyond. No previous musical experience required. Offered annually.

MUSIC 241: History and Literature of Music I

Students encounter the history and development of Western European music from the Middle Ages to ca. 1750 and study the genres and styles of music from monophonic chant to concerted music of the Baroque. Offered periodically in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 242: History and Literature of Music II

Continuing the study begun in MUSIC 241, students encounter the history and development of Western European music from ca. 1750 to the present and study the major forms, styles and representative literature of the Classic and Romantic eras and the 20th and 21st centuries. Offered periodically during spring semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 245: Music and Social Justice

In this course, students explore the profound relationship between music and social change, examining how songs and sound have served as powerful tools for activism across cultures and movements. Through historical case studies, critical listening, and hands-on workshops, this class emphasizes experiential learning, culminating in a group project where students organize and lead a community event in collaboration with local organizations. This course carries an ACE component.

MUSIC 251: Conducting (0.50)

Students learn basic conducting gestures (with and without baton) through exercises in meter patterns, preparatory beats and cut-offs, cueing, dynamics, fermata, articulations, phrasing, left hand independence, and face/eye usage. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 114 and sophomore status, or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 252: Choral Conducting (0.50)

Students learn conducting techniques for choral literature including research-based rehearsal techniques, vocal preparation, score study, and video self-evaluation of gesture and rehearsal. Course work also includes observation of conductors on campus and in the community. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 251.

MUSIC 253: Instrumental Conducting (0.50)

Students learn conducting techniques for instrumental literature, including rehearsal techniques, score preparation, and reading full score. Repertoire includes characteristic examples from standard band and orchestra literature. Students gain practical experience in conducting an instrumental ensemble. Course work includes observation of conducting faculty. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 251.

MUSIC 261: Piano Class III (0.25)

This advanced piano class for music majors only emphasizes sight playing, score reading, harmonization and transposition, advanced harmonic idioms, improvisation, ensemble playing, and performance preparation. A grade of B- or higher satisfies Piano Proficiency Level 3 requirements. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 162, completion of Piano Proficiency Level 2, or audition placement; concurrent registration in MUSIC 212 recommended.

MUSIC 262: Piano Class IV (0.25)

This continuation of 261 emphasizes sight playing, score reading, harmonization and transposition, more advanced improvisation and harmonic usage, performance preparation, and leadership from the keyboard. A grade of B- or higher satisfies Piano Proficiency Level 4 requirements. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 261, completion of Piano Proficiency 3, or audition placement; concurrent registration in MUSIC 214 recommended.

MUSIC 263: Lyric Diction I (0.25)

Students study and practice principles for singing in English and Italian with good pronunciation, enunciation, and expression. Course content includes phonetic analysis using the International Phonetic Alphabet and identifying and exercising the phonemic features of English and Italian through class performances and listening assignments. Offered alternate years.

Prerequisite: two semesters of voice lessons.

MUSIC 264: Lyric Diction II (0.25)

Students study and practice principles for singing in French and German with good pronunciation, enunciation, and expression. Course content includes phonetic analysis using the International Phonetic Alphabet and identifying and exercising the phonemic features of French and German through class performances and listening assignments. Offered spring semester in alternate years.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 263 and two semesters of voice lessons.

MUSIC 265: Musical Theater in Japan (study abroad)

This course delves into the unique history of Musical Theatre in Japan. Students explore Japanese theatrical traditions and observe their influence on contemporary productions and pop culture. Activities include performances of Noh, Kabuki, Takarazuka, translated American musicals, Disneyland, and original Japanese musicals. Guest lectures from industry professionals provide insights into training, career trajectory, and considerations for translation. The course culminates in reflections on the role of musical theater in society, both locally and globally. Offered alternate years during January term.

MUSIC 266: Opera in Context: Austria and Germany (study abroad)

Opera was conceived in Italy in the 16th century and has continued to evolve into the living artistic expression presented worldwide today. In this course, students explore and reflect on opera while being embedded in the unique cultural settings of two countries of its origin: Austria and Germany. Through readings, research, reflection, discussion, and group projects, students connect history, architecture, politics, society, and art to performances on the stage and the places that shaped them. Offered periodically during January Term. Apply through Smith Center for Global Engagement. Open to all students.

MUSIC 267: Advanced Acting for the Lyric Stage

This studio course focuses on advanced techniques of acting and singing for the musical stage with emphasis on opera. Students explore voice, movement, improvisation, and characterization at an advanced level. Participants receive coaching in musical and dramatic style through solo and small ensemble literature and prepare scenes for class performance. The course culminates with public performances of a fully staged and costumed lyric theater work. May be repeated once. A production fee will be charged to all students participating in the production. Offered annually during fall semester.

Prerequisites: two semesters of voice study or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 268: Opera Creation Residency in the Schools: Civic Engagement

This course is designed for students interested in civic engagement in the arts and arts fusion projects. Participants mentor students from a local elementary school in an Opera Creation Residency as the elementary students compose and perform their own original works. The course culminates in staged public performances. Enrollment is subject to a fall interview/audition. Open to all students. May be repeated once. A class fee may be required. Offered during January term in alternate years.

Prerequisites: two semesters of voice study or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 269: Opera Workshop

Participants prepare for performance of a one-act opera or opera scenes. Students receive coaching and performance experience through individual and group singing/acting exercises. The course culminates with staged and costumed public performances. Open to all students. May be repeated once. A class fee may be required. Offered periodically during January term.

Prerequisites: two semesters of voice study or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 270: Advanced Keyboard Skills

For music majors with organ or piano as their principal instrument, this course provides intensive practical experience with and development of functional keyboard skills including sight-reading, score reading, keyboard harmonization, transposition, improvisation, and figured bass/continuo realization. Open to other advanced organists and pianists by permission of instructor. A grade of B- or higher satisfies the keyboard proficiency level 4 requirements. Offered alternate years.

Prerequisite: concurrent registration in, or successful completion of, MUSIC 114.

MUSIC 271: Music Performance Science

Drawing from the fields of biology, neuroscience, physics, and psychology, this course introduces students to the biological and psychological aspects of music performance. Students develop an understanding of the origins of performance-related injury, the mechanism of hearing, the sources of workplace stress in the lives of professional musicians. Each student will design and complete an exercise program tailored to their individual needs as a musician. Offered periodically during January term.

MUSIC 273: Professional Practices for the Individual Musician

How does a musician find work with little or no prior professional experience? What skills do musicians need to refine before and after graduation? This course invites students to engage in self-reflection, topical discussions, capacity-building, and best professional practices for individual musicians in the performance industry. Topics include the basics of the music business (roles in the industry, copyright law and contracts), artist identity development, and practical skills for a musical career. Offered periodically in the fall semester of January term.

MUSIC 275: Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25)

Through regular rehearsals and coaching sessions, new or already-formed chamber groups prepare and perform selected literature, learn about related repertoire, and cultivate observation, communication, and leadership skills. Typical ensembles include string quartets, brass or woodwind quintets, piano trios, saxophone quartets, etc. May be repeated. Offered each semester.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

MUSIC 281: Vocal Solo Literature I (0.25)

Students survey the solo art song repertoire of Germany, Italy, the Iberian peninsula, and Latin America. The course highlights the significant features and development of the art song; provides context, approaches, and resources for studying this literature; and explores the differences and similarities between art song and other solo vocal literature. Offered fall semester in alternate years.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 141 and MUSIC 214 or permission of instructor; MUSIC 263 and MUSIC 264 preferred.

MUSIC 282: Vocal Solo Literature II (0.25)

Students survey the solo art song repertoire of France, England, the Nordic countries, and the United States. The course highlights the significant features and development of the art song; provides context, approaches, and resources for studying this literature; and explores the differences and similarities between art song and other solo vocal literature, with a focus on the Great American Songbook. Offered spring semester in alternate years.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 141 and MUSIC 214 or permission of instructor; MUSIC 263 and MUSIC 264 preferred.

MUSIC 283: Piano Literature (0.50)

Beginning with the 17th century, students trace the evolution of literature for piano through the major works of such diverse composers as Bach, Boulez, Couperin, and Cage. Course content includes lectures, readings, listening, analysis, performance, and written assignments. Special attention is paid to performance practice traditions and historical context. Offered periodically.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 141, MUSIC 212, and one 300-level musicology or music theory elective, or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 287: Choral Literature I (0.50)

This course is a study of the smaller forms of choral music from the Renaissance to the present with an emphasis on music suitable for junior and senior high school and church choirs. Students study scores and recordings and discuss representative style features and characteristics, interpretation, and conducting problems. Offered annually in the spring semester.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 252.

MUSIC 290: Fundamentals of Vocal Development for Instrumentalists

Through group instruction, students encounter the fundamentals of singing and an introduction to song literature. In-class performance is required. Additionally during the second half of the course, class participants are introduced to the principles of vocal pedagogy as applied to the child and adolescent voice in the class or ensemble rehearsal. There is an emphasis on understanding the developing young voice and establishing good vocal habits with healthy pedagogical techniques as well as exploration of appropriate choral literature. Required for BM instrumental music education majors. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 251 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 291: Vocal Development and Pedagogy

This course introduces a systematic approach to the study of voice production for use in the studio or classroom. Students examine basic vocal anatomy and physiology approached through body mapping strategies. Students then apply these principles of vocal pedagogy to the child and adolescent voice with emphasis on the developing voice, establishing healthy vocal habits, appropriate teaching techniques, and literature. Offered annually during fall semester.

Prerequisite: at least three semesters of MUSPF 152 (voice lessons) or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 292: Vocal Pedagogy II

This course focuses on applying the foundations of vocal production learned in MUSIC 291 - Vocal Development and Pedagogy to the practice of teaching voice in a solo setting. Students in this course take on a private voice student for the semester and develop a systematic, personalized curriculum for this student. Topics include developing a pedagogical approach to warm-ups and vocalizations, choosing repertoire, vocal registration, vocal acoustics and format training, training different voice types, musical theater belting technique, and the aging voice. Offered annually in spring semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 291.

MUSIC 293: Keyboard Pedagogy (0.50)

An introduction to principles, methods and resources for effective and creative music teaching through the piano. Students observe demonstration teaching at various levels and individual and group settings, engage in peer teaching, analyze and perform teaching literature, and discuss topics such as technical development, learning stages and styles, and studio management. Offered spring semester in alternate years.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

MUSIC 294: Academic Internship**MUSIC 295: String Literature and Pedagogy (0.50)**

Students examine scores and listen to a broad range of string etudes, solos, sonatas, concertos, and orchestral excerpts with attention to notable performers of the past and present. Through required readings, listening assignments, video viewing, discussion, and hands-on teaching, students engage with practical issues of teaching, repertoire selection for beginning and intermediate players, performance and basic studio management.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 214 and MUSIC 141, or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 298: Independent Study**MUSIC 312: Counterpoint**

To deepen awareness and understanding of performance music, and to gain tools to produce textural interest in composition, students study the contrapuntal techniques of composers from the Renaissance, Baroque, and Modern periods including Palestrina, Bach, and Barber. Offered fall semester in alternate years.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 214.

MUSIC 313: Analysis of Tonal Music

Analysis is a course of discovery, using advanced tools of music theory to examine the ways in which great works of music are put together. Students examine principles of form and style and, using a range of analytical techniques, come to a deeper understanding of tonal music. The course focuses on Classical and Romantic literature, with some work in 20th-century tonality. Offered during spring semester alternate years.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 214.

MUSIC 314: Analysis of Post-Tonal Music

An analytical study of the wide range of musical styles found in the 20th- and 21st-centuries, this course provides an opportunity to study important modern works and to come to a deeper understanding of their structure and meaning. Students study atonal music theory in depth and examine some of the new approaches to tonality in our time. Offered during spring semester alternate years.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 214.

MUSIC 316: Music Performance Anxiety

Drawing from the fields of biology, neuroscience, psychology, and sociology, this course offers a deep dive into the psychology of music performance anxiety. Students develop an understanding of (1) the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems, (2) causes, triggers, and symptoms of music performance anxiety, and (3) the current state of music performance anxiety research including prevention, intervention, and treatment protocols. Students complete a literature survey examining both quantitative and qualitative research on a topic related to music performance anxiety.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 141 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 324: Composition II: Orchestration

Students develop more advanced technique in writing for instruments and voice through study in creative composition, focusing on large ensembles. Offered every year.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 223.

MUSIC 345: Advanced Study in Musicology

Students encounter in-depth studies in a specific topic or area of musicology. The content and nature of this course are determined by the instructor and the music department. Sample topics include American music, South Asian music, Opera, and Music, Gender, and Sexuality. May be repeated if topic is different. Offered each semester.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 141 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 346: Music, Gender, and Sexuality

Students consider how norms of masculinity and femininity are expressed through music in historical and contemporary contexts around the world. Through investigating relationships between music, gender, and sexuality from a variety of analytical perspectives structured around ethnographic case studies, students encounter multiple models of music research, which they use to guide their own ethnographic projects.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 141 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 347: Somali Community Engagement through Music

Students explore how Somali diaspora communities have made important visible and audible contributions to the cultural landscape of Minnesota, while studying and learning to perform the interconnected arts of Somali poetry, music, dance, and theater. Interactions with local Somali musicians and community leaders, a visit to the Somali mosque, and collaboratively working to discern and support the needs of a community partner organization that serves Somali families provides students with hands-on experience in community engagement.

Prerequisite: MUSIC 141 or permission of instructor.

MUSIC 354: Advanced Conducting (0.50)

Working with a live instrumental or choral ensemble, students learn and conduct complete movements and/or entire works and encounter a variety of advanced baton techniques. Course activities develop skills in reading, preparing, interpreting and memorizing scores, with further focus on rehearsal procedures, performance practice, and concert programming. Participants are required to observe a variety of rehearsals on- and off-campus. Offered annually in the fall semester.

Prerequisites: MUSIC 251 and either MUSIC 252 or MUSIC 253.

MUSIC 394: Academic Internship**MUSIC 396: Directed Undergraduate Research**

This course provides a comprehensive research opportunity, including an introduction to relevant background material, technical instruction, identification of a meaningful project, and data collection. The topic is determined by the faculty member in charge of the course and may relate to their research interests. Offered based on department decision. May be offered as a 1.00 credit course or .50 credit course.

Prerequisite: determined by individual instructor.

MUSIC 398: Independent Research

Plan of Study - Church Music

B.M. Church Music Major (Choral) - Plan of Study

This is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements for this major at St. Olaf. This tool is meant as a guide and does not replace working closely with the student's academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25)	0.25
World Language		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5

Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25)	0.25
World Language		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		4.5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1.00
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.5
January Term		
MUSIC 235	Music in Christian Worship (if available - offered alternate J-Terms)	1.00
Credits		1
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 236	Church Music Practicum	0.50
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.5
Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 263	Lyric Diction I (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 291	Vocal Development and Pedagogy	0.25
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.25
January Term		
MUSIC 235	Music in Christian Worship (if not taken sophomore year)	1.00
Credits		1
Spring Semester		
EDUC 355	Teaching of Music in the Elementary School	1.00
MUSIC 236	Church Music Practicum	0.50
MUSIC 264	Lyric Diction II (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 287	Choral Literature I (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 292	Vocal Pedagogy II	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.75
Senior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 354	Advanced Conducting (0.50)	0.50
Music 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
MUSIC 34X		1.00
MUSPF Keyboard Lessons		0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3
Spring Semester		
MUSPF 330		0.50
Music 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.75
Total Credits		24.75

Students must successfully complete the equivalent of 35 St. Olaf credits through a combination of full-credit and fractional-credit courses to earn the Bachelor of Arts.

Visit the music department webpage for more information.

B.M. Church Music Major (Organ) - Plan of Study

This is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements for this major at St. Olaf. This tool is meant as a guide and does not replace working closely with the student's academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSPF 128 - Organ		1.00
World Language		1.00
Credits		4
Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSPF 128 - Organ		1.00
World Language		1.00
Credits		5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1.00
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00
MUSPF 128 - Organ		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.25
January Term		
MUSIC 235	Music in Christian Worship (if available)	1.00
Credits		1
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 236	Church Music Practicum	0.50
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSPF 128 - Organ		1.00
MUSPF 152 - Voice		0.25
Credits		3.25
Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 252	Choral Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 270	Advanced Keyboard Skills	0.25
MUSIC 290	Fundamentals of Vocal Development for Instrumentalists	0.50
MUSPF 228 - Organ		1.00
Credits		2.25
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 253 or MUSIC 354	Instrumental Conducting (0.50) or Advanced Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSPF 228 - Organ		1.00
Voice Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.75

Senior Year

Fall Semester

MUSIC 354 or MUSIC 253	Advanced Conducting (0.50) or Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 34X		1.00
MUSIC 34X		1.00
MUSPF 228 - Organ		1.00

Credits **3.5**

Spring Semester

MUSPF 228 - Organ		1.00
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Credits **1**

Total Credits **25**

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Plan of Study - Composition

B.M. Composition Major - Plan of Study

This is a sample plan that meets the prescribed requirements for this major at St. Olaf. This tool is meant as a guide and does not replace working closely with the student's academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
World Language		1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5
Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
World Language		1.00
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		4.5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1.00
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.5
January Term		
MUSIC 225 or PHYS 252	Music in the Electronic Medium or Musical Acoustics	1.00
Credits		1
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 166	Brass Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 167	Percussion Techniques (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 223	Composition I	1.00
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50

MUSIC 262	Piano Class IV (0.25)	0.25
Credits		3.5
Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 168	String Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 169	Woodwind Techniques (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 252 or MUSIC 253	Choral Conducting (0.50) or Instrumental Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 314	Analysis of Post-Tonal Music	1.00
MUSIC 324	Composition II: Orchestration	1.00
MUSPF 325 - Composition Lessons		0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5
Spring Semester		
MUSPF 326 Composition Lessons		0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
MUSIC 2XX or 34X		1.00
Credits		1.5
Senior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 34X		1.00
MUSIC 34SX		1.00
MUSPF 326 - Composition Lessons		0.25
Credits		2.25
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 2XX or 34X		1.00
MUSPF - Composition Lessons		0.25
Credits		1.25
Total Credits		23.5

Students must successfully complete the equivalent of 35 St. Olaf credits through a combination of full-credit and fractional-credit courses to earn the Bachelor of Arts.

Visit the music department webpage for more information.

Plan of Study - Elective Studies B.M. Elective Studies Major - Plan of Study

This is a sample first-year plan that meets the requirements for the B.M. Elective Studies major at St. Olaf. This tool is meant as a guide and does not replace working closely with the student's academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
World Language		1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5
Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
World Language		1.00
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25)	0.25

Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		4.5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1.00
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00
MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.75
Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
Music 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.25
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 298	Independent Study	1.00
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.25
Senior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 298	Independent Study	1.00
MUSIC 34X		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.25
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.25
Total Credits		23.25

Students must successfully complete the equivalent of 35 St. Olaf credits through a combination of full-credit and fractional-credit courses to earn the Bachelor of Arts.

Visit the music department webpage for more information.

Plan of Study - Music Education B.M. Music Education Plan of Study

Entrance applications for B.M. music education programs are most often processed in the sophomore year. Interested students must be already-admitted music majors and are classified as B.A. general music majors until accepted into a teacher education degree program.

Every student planning to pursue the B.M. Music Education - Vocal or Instrumental - should begin with the B.A. Music plan of study, and then once admitted, should meet with Leigh Ann Garner, Assistant Professor of Music for an interview and planning session. More information.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25)	0.25
World Language		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5
Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25)	0.25
World Language		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		4.5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 212 or MUSIC 214	Chromatic Musicianship and Form or Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.25
Spring Semester		
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.25
Total Credits		11.5

Plan of Study - Performance

B.M. Performance Major - Plan of Study

This is a sample first-year plan that meets the requirements for the B.M. Performance major at St. Olaf. This tool is meant as a guide and does not replace working closely with the student's academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Semester		
FYS 120 or WRIT 120	First-Year Seminar (or Conversation Program) or Writing and Rhetoric	1.00
World Language		1.00
MUSIC 112	Introduction to Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 161	Piano Class I (0.25)	0.25
Credits		3.25
Spring Semester		
WRIT 120 or FYS 120	Writing and Rhetoric (or Conversation Program) or First-Year Seminar	1.00
World Language		
MUSIC 114	Musicianship: Tonality	1.00
MUSIC 162	Piano Class II (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.5
Sophomore Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 141	Introduction to Musicology	1.00
MUSIC 212	Chromatic Musicianship and Form	1.00
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00

MUSIC 261	Piano Class III (0.25)	0.25
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3.5

Spring Semester		
MUSIC 214	Post-Tonal Musicianship	1.00
MUSIC 251	Conducting (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		3

Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 237	Local and Global Musicking	1.00
MUSIC 295	String Literature and Pedagogy (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.75

Spring Semester		
MUSIC 275	Instrumental Chamber Music (0.25)	0.25
MUSIC 2XX or 34X		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.5

Senior Year		
Fall Semester		
MUSIC 295	String Literature and Pedagogy (0.50)	0.50
MUSIC 34X		1.00
MUSIC 34X		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		2.75

Spring Semester		
MUSIC 200-Level or 300-Level Elective Course		1.00
Music Lesson		0.25
Credits		1.25
Total Credits		20.5

Students must successfully complete the equivalent of 35 St. Olaf credits through a combination of full-credit and fractional-credit courses to earn the Bachelor of Arts.

Visit the Dance department webpage for more information.

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Faculty