

Music

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Music Department courses nurture development in musical artistry, personal and spiritual growth, as well as excellence in sacred and secular musical performance and scholarship, and an appreciation for the rich variety of musical expression and thought that leads to a greater understanding of people of all cultures.

The music program at Principia offers a breadth of major options which provide the opportunity to explore a range of musical rigor and emphases. The full B.A. in Music provides a solid preparation for graduate work while the B.A. in Music Studies provides a knowledge of music which may complement studies in other fields. The B.A. Major in Music Studies: Producer/Performer emphasizes the combined study of technology and performance. Music minor programs give students an opportunity to study music technology and music in general. All offerings are designed to provide both majors and non-majors a broad introduction to music through performance, history, theory, and appreciation.

Music Majors

B.A. in Music:

This degree is for students wishing to pursue music studies beyond the undergraduate level. The courses required of a B.A. in Music provide a solid preparation for graduate work.

A grade of C or higher must be attained in each of the following courses in order to complete the major: Class Piano Lab (MUS 115)*; Music Fundamentals (MUS 150); Musicianship II (MUS 160); Diatonic Harmony (MUS 170) ; Musicianship III (MUS 265); Advanced Theory Techniques (MUS 275).

B.A. in Music Studies:

This degree program is for students who will be entering a field where a knowledge of music will be helpful. A grade of C or higher must be attained in each of the following courses in order to complete the major: Class Piano Lab (MUS 115)*; Music Fundamentals (MUS 150); Musicianship II (MUS 160); Diatonic Harmony (MUS 170).

B.A. in Music Studies: Producer/Performer:

This degree is designed for students interested in pursuing a musical practice that draws upon a combination of performance and technology. Course work develops skills in music production, songwriting, performance, and sound design. A grade of C or higher must be attained in each of the following courses in order to complete the major: Class Piano Lab (MUS 115)*; Music Fundamentals (MUS 150); Musicianship II (MUS 160); Diatonic Harmony (MUS 170).

Music Minors

The music minors (Minor in Music General Emphasis and Minor in Music Technology) are designed to provide students with the opportunity to focus on

specific areas of musical interest. Students work with the department chair and a music faculty member in the specific focus area to select courses that fulfill these interests and meet the requirements.

Piano Proficiency Requirement

The Music Department recognizes the essential need of its majors to acquire a basic skill level on the piano in order to be successful students of music. This requirement supports the students' work towards a solid grounding in music at the undergraduate level. To attain that basic skill level, the Music Department offers Class Piano Lab (MUS 115). To complete the Piano Proficiency Requirement, students must complete three semesters of MUS 115 with a C or higher.

*Students may complete the Piano Proficiency Requirement in fewer than three semesters of MUS 115 by auditioning successfully for the Music faculty.

Applied Lesson Requirement

Students pursuing a B.A. in Music are required to take applied lessons each semester in which they are declared music majors. This requirement is waived for any term in which the student is participating in a Principia Off-Campus Program (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/off-campus-programs/>). They must register for Applied Lessons (50 Minutes) (MUS 120) or Applied Lessons (25 Minutes) (MUS 130). However, if registering for applied lessons for credit extends a student course-load beyond 18 semester hours in a particular semester, the student may register for the non-credit lessons Applied Lessons (50 Minutes) (MUS 040) or Applied Lessons (25 Minutes) (MUS 044). All performance majors must register for Applied Lessons (50 Minutes) (MUS 120) or Applied Lessons (50 Minutes) (MUS 040).

Students pursuing a B.A. Major in Music Studies or a B.A. Major in Music Studies: Producer/Performer are required to take a minimum of two semesters of applied lessons following the same rules for credit or non-credit courses as described above.

Applied lessons are available through the department for other majors as well. Any student interested in applied lessons must follow the same rules for credit or non-credit courses as described above.

Any combination of instruments in any combination of 50- or 25-minutes lessons may be taken. All lessons, with the exception of carillon, carry a fee.

Faculty-Directed Ensemble Requirement

Students pursuing a B.A. in Music are required to participate in choir, orchestra, or jazz ensemble each semester in which they are declared music majors, with a minimum of four semesters. This requirement is waived for any term in which the student is participating in a Principia Off-Campus Program (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/off-campus-programs/>).

Students pursuing a B.A. Major in Music Studies or a B.A. Major in Music Studies: Producer/Performer are required to take a minimum of four semesters of faculty-director ensemble. This requirement is waived for any term in which the student is

participating in a Principia Off-Campus Program (<http://catalog.principiacollege.edu/off-campus-programs/>).

Preparation for Future Studies in Music Education

While Principia College does not offer a music education program, it is recommended that students who wish to pursue post-baccalaureate study in music education be advised about their individual choice of study by music faculty. All students interested in the post-baccalaureate study of music education are strongly recommended to pursue the following work during the course of their music major:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	One year of applied voice lessons	
MUS 180	Instrumental Techniques	3.0
MUS 182	Choral Conducting	2.0
MUS 281	Instrumental Conducting	2.0

Departmental Learning Outcomes

1. *Students will perform and express themselves creatively in a variety of musical communities.*
2. *Students will demonstrate essential historical and theoretical concepts in music.*
3. *Students will demonstrate character unfoldment through their professional and personal growth.*
4. *Students will demonstrate an appreciation of multicultural musical styles.*

Majors

- B.A. Major in Music
- B.A. Major in Music Studies
- B.A. Major in Music Studies: Producer/Performer

Minors

- Minor in Music General Emphasis
- Minor in Music Technology

MUS 040 Applied Lessons (50 Minutes) 0.0 SH []

Applied instrumental or vocal instruction. Thirteen 50-minute lessons per semester, with two hours of practice daily. For applied music lessons for credit, refer to MUS 120.

Fee=\$689.00.

MUS 044 Applied Lessons (25 Minutes) 0.0 SH []

Applied instrumental or vocal instruction. Thirteen 25-minute lessons or equivalent per semester, with one hour practice daily. For applied music lessons for credit, refer to MUS 130.

Fee=\$362.00.

MUS 050 College Choir - No Credit 0.0 SH []

Preparation and performance of choral literature focusing on concepts of style, ensemble, and vocal production. Open to the entire community without audition.

MUS 051 Chorus for Musical - No Credit 0.0 SH []

Preparation and performance of chorus parts for the musical production. By audition only. Offered only in semesters when there is a musical production.

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MUS 052	Prin Music Tour - No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Preparation of music literature for performance on tour focusing on style, ensemble, presentation, and tour logistics. A star (*) grade will be assigned until completion of the tour. Offered by invitation only. Offered on demand.			
MUS 053	Baccalaureate Choir -No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Preparation and performance of choral selections for the Baccalaureate service held during commencement weekend. Open to the community without audition.			
MUS 061	Orchestra - No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Preparation and performance of instrumental literature covering style, expressive interpretation, and ensemble. Open to the entire community.			
MUS 065	Jazz Ensemble - No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Reading and rehearsing music from various big band and combo styles. Special attention is given to style awareness, ensemble, and improvisation techniques. Open to the entire community.			
MUS 071	Chamber Music - No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Small chamber ensemble, vocal or instrumental. May be taken more than once.			
MUS 080	Student Recital - No Credit	0.0 SH	[]
Thirty-minute recital on instrument or voice, demonstrating performance ability and understanding of various musical styles. Subject to music faculty approval. Prerequisite: demonstrated proficiency on instrument or voice.			
MUS 100	Intro to the Art of Music	3.0 SH	[GEA]
Provides music listening skills, a knowledge of the elements and vocabulary of music, and an acquaintance with the styles and characteristics of classical music through the ages. Designed primarily for the non-major.			
MUS 101	Symphonic Masterworks	3.0 SH	[GEA]
A survey of symphonic masterworks. Focuses on the style characteristics of the great symphonic composers, a study of symphonic forms, and listening to selected symphonic masterworks. For majors and non-majors.			
MUS 102	Operatic Masterworks	3.0 SH	[GEA]
A survey of operatic masterworks. Focusing on the style characteristics of the great opera composers through viewing complete performances of the operas studied. For majors and non-majors.			
MUS 110	Introduction to Computer Music	1.0 SH	[]
Students learn to use the computer to create music. Various methods are presented including sound design and graphic software for sound creation and performance. Collaborative performance such as laptop orchestra is emphasized. May be taken six times up to a total of six semester hours.			
MUS 112	Music Recording Techniques	1.0 SH	[]
A study of the methods and techniques necessary to make basic and intermediate level acoustic audio recordings in a studio environment, including microphone placement, effects processing, mixing, basic mastering, and the use of the computer software. Study of the role of the producer and recording engineer is emphasized.			
MUS 115	Class Piano Lab	2.0 SH	[]
Class Piano is designed for students with beginning to intermediate musical backgrounds. This course is supervised and individually-paced, and introduces the basics of music, including note names, clefs, key signatures, rhythmic values, major and minor modes, beginning through intermediate repertoire, basic chord progressions, sight-reading, etc. No musical background is required. May be taken up to three times.			
MUS 120	Applied Lessons (50 Minutes)	1.0 SH	[]
Applied instrumental or vocal lessons. Thirteen 50-minute lessons per semester, with two hours of practice daily. Fee=\$689.00.			

MUS 130	Applied Lessons (25 Minutes)	0.5 SH	[]
Applied instrumental or vocal lessons. Thirteen 25-minute lessons per semester, with one hour of practice daily.			
Fee=\$362.00.			
MUS 150	Music Fundamentals	3.0 SH	[]
Introduction to musical notation, rhythm, meter, scales, key signatures, intervals, triads, chord progressions, basic cadences, popular song forms, and basic musicianship skills. Involves melodic and rhythmic dictation, sight-singing, and performance skills. Students considering a B.A. Major in Music should complete MUS 150, MUS 160, and MUS 170 by the end of their sophomore year.			
Prerequisite: Music background including completion of the piano proficiency requirement. A music theory placement exam should be taken in the week preceding classes in order to make appropriate placement in course level.			
Class Level Restriction: Freshman and Sophomore only.			
MUS 160	Musicianship II	2.0 SH	[]
Sight-singing, melodic dictation, rhythmic studies, diatonic chord recognition, keyboard harmony. Students considering a B.A. Major in Music should complete MUS 150, MUS 160, and MUS 170 by the end of their sophomore year.			
Prerequisite: MUS 150 (with a grade of C or higher).			
Corequisite: MUS 170.			
MUS 165	Jazz Ensemble	1.0 SH	[]
Reading and rehearsing music from various big band and combo styles. Special attention is given to style awareness, ensemble, and improvisation techniques. Open to the entire community. May be taken more than once.			
MUS 170	Diatonic Harmony	3.0 SH	[]
A study of harmonic materials. Part-writing, tonal function, voice leading, harmonization of melody lines. Students considering a B.A. Major in Music should complete MUS 150, MUS 160, and MUS 170 by the end of their sophomore year.			
Prerequisite: MUS 150 (with a grade of C or higher) or placement.			
Corequisite: MUS 160.			
MUS 180	Instrumental Techniques	3.0 SH	[]
Techniques, characteristics, and usage of brass, woodwind, and string instruments. Acquisition of playing ability on one instrument from each group.			
MUS 182	Choral Conducting	2.0 SH	[]
Introduction to the basics of conducting choral music. Includes emphasis on conducting patterns, rehearsal pedagogy, vocal production, choral literature, score analysis, and choral performance practices.			
MUS 200	Topics in Music History	3.0 SH	[GEA]
A comprehensive study of a notable composer or topic of music history. The course serves to acquaint students with a significant body of music and its importance in music history. Includes historical context, analysis, and listening. The title will be extended to describe the current topic, e.g., Johannes Brahms, Women in Music, Charles-Marie Widor, Native American Music, Legendary Pianists. May be taken more than once provided the topics differ.			
MUS 201	Beethoven: The Great Master	3.0 SH	[GEA]
A survey of the life and music of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) including his symphonies, string quartets, piano music, chamber music, and "Fidelio." No music background is required.			
MUS 203	American Musical Theater	3.0 SH	[GEA]
An overview of the development of the modern American musical theater with emphasis on the music, lyrics, composers, writers, producers, directors, and the history and folklore of "Broadway." No musical background is required.			

- MUS 204 The Jazz Tradition in America** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 Explores the connection between jazz music and its cultural and social contexts. The heritage of the lives and music of jazz artists is discussed. Traces the legacy of jazz from its roots in African and American music to current styles. No musical background is required.
- MUS 205 The Creative World of Mozart** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 A survey of the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791). An exploration of the beauty, peace, grandeur, drama, and grace of Mozart's operas, symphonies, piano concertos, chamber music, and choral music. No musical background is required.
- MUS 206 Student Recital** 1.0-5.0 SH []
 Thirty-minute recital on instrument or voice, demonstrating performance ability and understanding of various musical styles. Subject to music faculty approval. May be taken for variable credit from one to five semester hours. May be taken more than once.
Prerequisite: demonstrated proficiency on instrument or voice.
- MUS 207 Popular Music in America** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 A study of the popular music of America as the voice of the people in society and culture. The rich and varied styles of popular music are discussed in the context of the artists, recordings, and political events surrounding them. No musical background is required.
- MUS 212 Traditional Korean Music** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 This course provides a moderately in-depth look at traditional Korean Music and its social and historical contexts. We will study traditional instruments, systems of notation, types of music (determined by their function) and their formal and stylistic differences and similarities, as well as the unifying ethos in the musical sensibilities expressed.
- MUS 213 Music of the World** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 A selected survey of classical, popular, and folk music traditions from around the world. The role of music as ritual, mode of communication, and artistic expression is studied.
- MUS 225 Music Composition** 1.0 SH []
 Study of the methods and techniques of music composition including historical, social, cultural, and aesthetic considerations. Emphasis on preparation for students who intend to do a capstone in music composition. May be taken more than once.
- MUS 227 Field Studies in Music** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 Field study of materials covered in music courses such as MUS 100, MUS 101, and MUS 102. Offered only as part of an abroad or field study program.
- MUS 228 Great Composers & Their Culture** 3.0 SH [GEA]
 This course includes a study of the great composers and their individual cultures that will be experienced on a music abroad. A specialized survey of music, history, art, and culture directly related to countries visited and composers studied.
- MUS 235 Advanced Recording** 3.0 SH []
 Advanced study in music recording leading to a strong working knowledge of standard studio production practice. Microphone selection and placement, automation, critical listening skills, and session management will be discussed.
Prerequisite: MUS 112.
- MUS 250 College Choir** 1.0 SH []
 Preparation and performance of choral literature focusing on concepts of style, ensemble, and vocal production. May be taken more than once. Open to the entire community.
- MUS 251 Chorus for Musical** 1.0-2.0 SH []
 Preparation and performance of chorus parts for the musical production. By audition only. Offered only in semesters when there is a musical production. May be offered for variable credit from one to two semester hours. May be taken four times up to a total of eight semester hours.

MUS 252	Principia Music Tour	1.0-2.0 SH	[]
Preparation of music literature for performance on tour focusing on style, ensemble, presentation, and tour logistics. A star (*) grade will be assigned until completion of the tour. May be offered for variable credit from one to two semester hours. May be taken more than once. Offered by invitation only.			
MUS 261	Orchestra	1.0-2.0 SH	[]
Preparation and performance of instrumental literature focusing on style, expressive interpretation, and ensemble. May be offered for variable credit from one to two semester hours. May be taken more than once. Open to the entire community.			
MUS 265	Musicianship III	2.0 SH	[]
Continuation of MUS 160.			
Prerequisite: MUS 160 (with a grade of C or higher).			
Corequisite: MUS 275.			
MUS 266	Musicianship IV	2.0 SH	[]
Concentrates on practical musicianship, including harmonic and rhythmic exercises of increasing complexity. Literature from chant to 20th century, harmonic dictation, and intricate rhythms and keyboard skills are studied.			
Prerequisite: MUS 265 (with a grade of C or higher).			
MUS 271	Chamber Music for Credit	1.0-2.0 SH	[]
Small chamber ensemble, vocal or instrumental. May be offered for variable credit from one to two semester hours. May be taken more than once.			
MUS 275	Advanced Theory Techniques	3.0 SH	[]
Analysis and exercises in the primary techniques of advanced music theory. Study of chromatic harmony, two-part counterpoint, and contemporary styles. Taken concurrently with MUS 265.			
Prerequisite: MUS 170 (with a grade of C or higher) or placement.			
Corequisite: MUS 265.			
MUS 281	Instrumental Conducting	2.0 SH	[]
Introduction to the basics of conducting instrumental music. Includes all essential beat patterns, expressive gestures, score-reading, learning of instrumental transpositions, and score reduction at the keyboard. May be taken four times up to a total of eight semester hours.			
Prerequisite: completion of piano proficiency requirement.			
MUS 284	Music Careers	3.0 SH	[]
A survey of music career opportunities such as entrepreneurial music business creation, freelancing, and nonprofits as well as the skills necessary for these activities. Topics covered include the entrepreneurial skills, community engagement, budgeting, negotiating and contracts, strategies, grant writing, and nonprofit organizations.			
MUS 303	Junior Recital	1.0-5.0 SH	[]
Thirty-minute recital of instrumental or vocal music demonstrating performance ability and understanding of various musical styles. Subject to music faculty approval. May be offered for variable credit from one to five semester hours. May be taken more than once.			
Prerequisite: demonstrated proficiency on instrument or voice.			
Class Level Restriction: Junior only.			
MUS 305	Music Production Project	3.0 SH	[]
Supervised individual project in music production allowing students to pursue advanced applications in the area of music technology. The project will focus on the creation of a complete music work or portfolio of works that incorporate techniques such as recording, arranging, performing, and sound design. Projects of significant scope are expected.			
Prerequisite: MUS 112 and MUS 235 or MUS 335.			
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.			
MUS 321	Music History I	4.0 SH	[GEA]
A study of musical styles and forms of the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and Classic periods with considerable emphasis on listening to the music from these periods.			
Class Level Restriction: Sophomore and Junior and Senior only.			

- MUS 322 Music History II** **4.0 SH** **[GEA]**
 A study of musical styles and forms of the Romantic period through the present, with considerable emphasis on listening to music from these periods.
Class Level Restriction: Sophomore and Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 335 Advanced Music Production** **3.0 SH** **[]**
 Advanced study in standard studio practice in the areas of audio editing, MIDI sequencing, mixing, and mastering for albums and media. Focus is on post-production techniques in a music environment. Additional skills addressed include knowledge of hardware and software synthesizers, syncing to video, and integration of hardware and software studio techniques.
Prerequisite: MUS 112.
- MUS 391 Form and Analysis** **3.0 SH** **[]**
 In-depth analysis of compositions from the Middle Ages to the present. Development of analytical techniques to enable the student to approach a piece of music and discover the essence of its structure, melody, harmony, texture, and style.
Prerequisite: MUS 265 and MUS 275.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 401 Senior Project: Composition** **4.0 SH** **[]**
 An original composition prepared for performance, demonstrating competency in compositional devices and understanding of formal and idiomatic considerations. A written analysis is also required. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the composition is performed. May be taken twice.
Corequisite: MUS 407.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 402 SR Project: Music Research** **5.0 SH** **[]**
 Fifty-page research paper on a special topic in music history or ethnomusicology. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the project is completed. May be taken twice.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 403 SR Project: Adv Performance** **4.0 SH** **[]**
 Sixty-minute recital of instrumental or vocal music demonstrating performance ability and understanding of various musical styles. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the recital is given. May be taken twice.
Corequisite: MUS 407.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 404 Senior Project: Analysis** **5.0 SH** **[]**
 Analysis of a major work plus a paper presenting the analysis and placing the work in its historical and theoretical context. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the project is completed. May be taken twice.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 405 SR Proj: Performance/Research** **5.0 SH** **[]**
 Thirty-minute recital of instrumental or vocal music demonstrating performance ability and understanding of various musical styles plus a 25-page research/analysis paper of the music performed. May be taken twice. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the recital is given.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.
- MUS 407 Recital Program Notes** **1.0 SH** **[]**
 By writing program notes for the senior project, students learn how to use research and organizational skills to synthesize the knowledge gained during undergraduate study. Will receive star (*) grade until the term in which the project is completed. May be taken twice.
Corequisite: MUS 401, MUS 403 or MUS 408.
Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.

MUS 408 SR Project: Music Recital

2.0,4.0 SH []

Thirty-minute (minimum) recital of instrumental or vocal music. May be taken twice up to a total of four semester hours. Will receive a star (*) grade until the semester in which the recital is given. Open only to students who double major in music and another area that also requires a capstone. Enrollment requires approval of the music faculty.

Prerequisite: demonstrated proficiency on instrument or voice.

Corequisite: MUS 407.

Class Level Restriction: Junior and Senior only.

Field of Study Restrictions: Music Majors only.