



Composition

Professional Diploma

Catalog Year: 2025F Program Code: PD4.COMP

Study Abroad - please contact your major chair or studyabroad@berklee.edu.

SEMESTERS

Credits Required

Course Number	Course Title	SEMESTERS								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
COMPOSITION MAJOR - 32 Credits Required										32
ISKB-211 & ISKB-212	Basic Keyboard 1 & 2		1	1						
CM-221	Techniques of Tonal Writing				2					
CP-215	The Art of Counterpoint 2				2					
CM-231	Instrumentation and Score Preparation				2					
MLAN-311	Analysis of Classical and Romantic Music					2				
CM-311 & CM-312	Contemporary Techniques in Composition 1 & 2					2	2			
CM-441	Scoring for Full Orchestra						2			
MLAN-312	Analysis: 20th- and 21st-Century						2			
CM-398, CM-497 & CM-498	Directed Study in Composition 1 - 3					1	1	2		
CM-490	Advanced Projects in Composition									2
	<i>Major Electives*</i>						2		2	4
	<i>Composition Portfolio**</i>									-
<p>* Major Electives - Any CM, CP, COND, MLAN, and MHIS courses not already taken as part of the major, as well as CW-247, CW-257, ENCL-406, ENCL-407, ILPN-210, IN-495, PSVC-343, and SW-345. CM-398 may be taken a second time for elective credit, and ENCL-406 and ENCL-407 may be taken twice for elective credit</p> <p>** A portfolio must be satisfactorily completed. Please contact the Department Chair for more information.</p>										
MAJOR-SPECIFIC CORE MUSIC AND LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES - 16 Credits Required										16
ET-231	Solfege 1			2						
ET-232	Solfege 2				2					
COND-211 or COND-216	Conducting 1 or Conducting 1 with Live Keyboard					1				
COND-212 or COND-217	Conducting 2 or Conducting 2 with Live Keyboard						1			
LENG-111	Introduction to College Writing					3				
AFST-221	Global Afrodiasporic Musics								3	
MHIS-251	General Music History 1						2			
MHIS-252	General Music History 2								2	
CORE MUSIC - 35 Credits Required										35
Performance										
P1xx-111	Private Instruction - Level 1 (50 minutes)	2								
P1xx-112	Private Instruction - Level 2 (50 minutes)		2							
P1xx-211	Private Instruction - Level 3 (30 minutes)			1						
P1xx-212	Private Instruction - Level 4 (30 minutes)				1					
ILxx	Instrumental Labs			1	1					
ENxx	Ensembles	1	1	1	1					
Non-Performance										
PW-111	Music Application and Theory	4								
AR-111 or AR-123	Arranging 1 Entering or Arranging 1 Continuing		2							
HR-112 or HR-114	Harmony 2 or Harmony 2 Entering		2							
HR-211, HR-213, or HR-215	Harmony 3, Harmony 3 Entering, or Harmony 3 Intensive			2						
HR-212, HR-214, or HR-216	Harmony 4, Harmony 4 Entering, or Harmony 4 Intensive				2					
ET-111	Ear Training 1	2								
ET-112 or ET-123	Ear Training 2 or Ear Training 2 Entering		2							
CM-211	Tonal Harmony and Composition 1		2							
CM-212	Tonal Harmony and Composition 2			2						
CP-210	The Art of Counterpoint 1			3						
<p>· Students should enroll in an ensemble (ENxx) and private instruction (P1xx) during their first four full-time semesters.</p> <p>· Two credits of performance studies (P5xx), excluding PSH, PST, & PSEM, may replace two credits of ensembles or labs.</p> <p>· Additional P5xx courses, excluding PSH-xxx, may be taken as general electives or major elective credits, depending on major.</p>										
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND AFRICANA STUDIES - 6 Credits Required										6
MTEC-111 or MTEC-122	Introduction to Music Technology or Accelerated Introduction to Music Technology	2								
LENS-10x	Engaging Seminar	2								
LHUM-400	Professional Development Seminar						2			
<p><i>English as a Second Language</i> - An assessment is required for all non-native English speakers. Students may be required to complete ESL courses based on the results of the assessment, which will apply as liberal arts and sciences electives or general electives.</p> <p>* Professional Diploma students who are not required to take LENS will take an additional two credits of liberal arts and sciences in place of LENS.</p>										
GENERAL ELECTIVES - 7 Credits Required										7
						1		2	4	
SEMESTER CREDIT TOTALS -->		13	12	13	13	12	12	11	10	
Total Required Credits										96