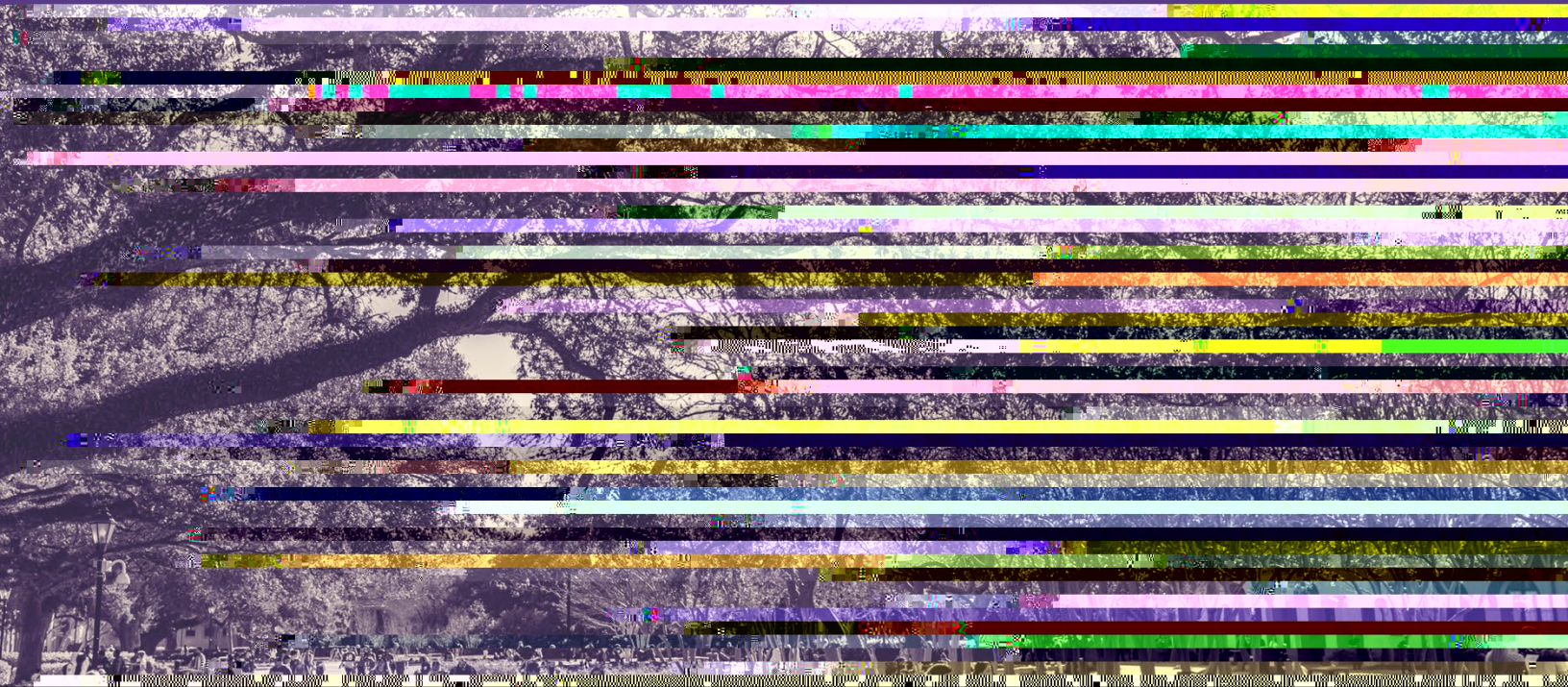


LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMAN SCIENCES



This handbook includes policies, guidelines, deadlines, and helpful hints to assist you in the completion of your undergraduate music degree. Additional important information, including a degree audit regarding your specific curriculum, is available from your MyLSU account at www.lsu.edu.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

- Bachelor of Arts in Music, B.A. (Academic Studies, Arts Administration, Church Music, Composition, Experimental Music & Digital Media, Intradisciplinary Music, Jazz, Theatre, Without Concentration)
- Bachelor of Music, B.M. (Brass/ Woodwind/ Percussion, Composition, Piano Pedagogy, Piano Performance, Strings, Voice)
- Bachelor of Music Education, B.M.E. (Instrumental, Vocal)
- Bachelor of Music Therapy, B.M.T.

LSU General Catalog

The academic catalog provides current academic policies, procedures, recommended paths, course descriptions, and more information that is valuable to students. Please see the LSU Catalog and curriculum guide links later in this handbook for specific course requirements for each degree. Students must meet all degree requirements as stated in the catalog.

Academic Requirements for Obtaining a Degree

Students must maintain a grade point average of 2.00 on all work taken, except for those courses in which grades of P, W, or I are recorded. You must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all college work taken at this and any other university in order to graduate from LSU. In addition, all music majors must achieve a grade of C- or higher in all music, music education, music therapy classes. Music Education majors must receive a C or higher in all required PSYC and MUED courses and ENGL composition. Music Education majors must achieve an LSU overall 2.5 GPAs stated in the catalog. Music Therapy majors must achieve a minimum 2.0 Cumulative and LSU GPA, a minimum 2.5 GPA in the major field.

Students must also fulfill a minimum residency requirement of two semesters (or four summer terms), earn at least 25% of the total number of hours required for the degree at this University, and meet the residency requirements of their college as stipulated in each “college” and “school” section of the catalog.

GPA Calculations

It is vital that you be aware of your current standing in the University so that you may make reasonable decisions concerning registration, outside activities, future plans etc. This information is available at the END of the degree audit (accessed via MyLSU) and labeled “Current Academic Standing”. A GPA calculator is also available at www.lsu.edu/cas. If you have questions about your GPA, see the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies.

Mandatory Advising

Freshmen Music majors must see an academic advisor prior to scheduling classes in the first two semesters. After the freshman year, advising is strongly suggested but is not mandatory prior to scheduling.

Degree audits

A degree audit is a computer-generated document indicating courses completed and what is yet required to complete your degree so that you can plan effectively which courses to schedule. The degree audit changes each semester as you complete courses.

Registration

Spring Invitational or Freshman and Transfer Student Orientation: Nedviso nt10.6 (s63.2.5 (c)8.8 (ha (ed)11.9

Security number must be submitted in writing or in person to the Office of the University Registrar.

Retroactively Adding A Course (s)

Courses are not normally added to a student's schedule after the 6th day of classes. If a course must be added, and circumstances are beyond the student's control, a retroactive add will be considered. CA9.7 ((l)9.6

Attendance in Classes, Lessons, and Rehearsals

Student absence from class is covered in full in [PS-22](#).

As of Fall 2024, the priority placed on class attendance is consistent with the LSU School of Music principle “Be Present.” SoM faculty, staff, and administrators value and practice a culture of active engagement. Being present in body and mind, an unrelenting habit of “showing up,” is perhaps the most essential characteristic of a successful human. Go to class; don’t make it a choice.

Group Excused Absences may be granted for certain offcampus performances, presentations, or obligations that are directly related to the LSU experience. The Director of the School of Music must approve all requests from ensemble directors and other faculty. In most cases, students will be made aware of these absences at the beginning of the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to make up any course material covered during his/her absence.

Piano Proficiency

Requirements vary within each degree program. Consult your catalog and/or degree audit for specific courses required within your program. All B.M., B.M.E. B.M.T.majors must pass the Piano Proficiency exam.

additional requirements. The purpose is to determine whether you have reached a performance threshold sufficient to warrant continuation in applied lessons. Requirements and expectations for this jury are area-specific determinations. Your applied teacher will guide you in this regard. If you fail the Upper Division Jury, you will be given detailed direction about how your performance needs to change/improve in order to pass the subsequent semester's jury. Students failing this examination a second time, will be advised into another college major.

In addition to performing proficiency, music education majors are required to pass the Reading, Writing, and Math portions of the PreProfessional Skills Test of the PRAXIS series and to achieve a GPA of 2.5. Music Education students must also pass the piano proficiency exam by the end of the sophomore year. Vocal Music Education students whose instrument is piano must satisfy vocal proficiency requirements. Music Education students who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to take their junior level MUED classes.

Recital Hearing

Undergraduate music majors registered for degree recitals are required to perform a prerecital hearing for a panel of area faculty. The hearing will include all performers (pianist and other collaborators). The purpose is to determine whether you have reached a performance threshold sufficient to warrant giving a degree-required public recital. The details of the hearing are areaspecific determinations. Your applied teacher will guide you in this regard.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

Fall 2024

SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

1. Some School of Music scholarships are available only for music majors. If your scholarship is one of these and you change your major, your scholarship will not be renewed. Music Premiere scholarships are awarded to fulltime undergraduate students at the incoming freshman level whose academic major is Music. These are four-year awards if you are in good standing and remain in the music major. Private scholarships are typically one-year awards. Read your scholarship letter thoroughly to know what you can expect in your monetary award.
2. The Music Scholarship Retention Requirements can be found on the University Financial Aid & Scholarship webpage:
https://www.lsu.edu/financialaid/policies/university_scholarship_retention_requirements/music_scholarship_retention_requirements.php
3. Students must maintain fulltime status (12 hours) to remain eligible for a scholarship.
4. For scholarships awarded directly by the School of Music, a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA in music/music education/ music therapy classes must be achieved and maintained. If a student fails to meet these requirements, and/or fails to make satisfactory progress in the degree program, the student will enter a probationary period of one semester. If at the end of the probationary semester, the student has not achieved the requisite GPA, and/or is not making satisfactory academic or musical progress, the scholarship will not be renewed. For TOPS and Honors scholarships, as well as the aforementioned Premiere, Flagship, Academic and Tiger Music Scholarships, the GPA requirements are slightly different.

RECITALS

Recital Policies, Procedures, Scheduling, Piano Services, and Programs are covered [here](#).

PERSONAL SAFETY AND BUILDING ACCESS

Personal Safety Standard building hours are 6:30 am - 11:45 pm. Monday - Friday and 6:30 a.m. - 10:15 p.m. on Saturday/Sunday. Please avoid practicing late at night if the building seems deserted.

Try to arrange your practice schedule dsP(t)3.5 (o)-1 (-1.3 (n)10.66 (c)-01.785T6p)]TJ 0 T (e)10TJ 0 Tc 8 ()1

CURRICULUM GUIDES

The curriculum guide sheets are designed to give an overview of the degree program, and the courses required to meet the degree requirements. Eight semester recommended paths can be found by consulting the LSU General Catalog links below. Students who do not take courses when recommended may find it impossible to complete their degree program in four years. Realize that certain courses will only be offered in alternate years.

- Schedule Booklet <https://www.lsu.edu/registrar/academics/schedule-booklet.php>
- General Catalog <https://www.lsu.edu/academics/catalogs.php>
- School of Music https://catalog.lsu.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=29&ent_oid=6065
- Curricula (Eight Semester Degree Pathways)
 - Music, B.A. https://catalog.lsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=29&poid=12711
 - Music, B.M. https://catalog.lsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=29&poid=12765
 - Music Education, B.M.E.
https://catalog.lsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=29&poid=12766
 - Music Minor (for non-Music majors)
https://catalog.lsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=29&poid=12723
- School of Music Student Resources & Services <https://www.lsu.edu/cmda/music/resources/>