The Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Music is a 120-hour degree that is designed for students who wish to pursue a music degree with curricular flexibility to complete coursework in secondary and complementary areas of study. The BA in Music requires students to select a specific area of study, called an “option.” An option consists of advanced music courses and supporting (non-Music) coursework. The coursework is determined in consultation with the student’s advisor. Current options include music technology, music theory, composition, and various branches of musicology; or students may work with an advisor to explore alternate options not listed here (music + "your choice").

BA students work with their BA advisor to designate supplemental coursework to suit their interests and long-term goals. Students may indicate a specific area of study during the admissions process; some students may prefer to select an option after completing the first year of the music core. All BA students should designate their option by no later than the start of the spring semester of the sophomore year.

For admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music, please see the School of Music’s Admissions website (http://www.music.illinois.edu/prospective-students) or contact the Music Admissions Office: Music Admissions Office
School of Music: 1114 W. Nevada Street, Room 2014
Urbana, IL 61801
Phone: (217) 244-7899 | E-mail: musicadmissions@illinois.edu

Minimum required major and supporting coursework: normally equates to 48-50 hours excluding the keyboard skills (MUS 172 and MUS 173) requirement, and includes 37-41 hours in music courses, 29-31 hours in core courses. Students who wish to study voice or an instrument for credit are required to satisfy the instrumental or vocal qualifying audition designed for students outside the School of Music. Credits earned in applied music lessons are generally considered elective.

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