Bachelor of Arts in Music

The Bachelor of Arts in Music degree is a liberal arts degree with a major in music. The program provides a robust core musicianship curriculum, applied music study, and ensemble participation. A large component of electives and a flexible senior project provide opportunities for students to combine music studies with courses in other fields that support their interests and career goals.

VSU General Education Program MUSI 200 Blacks in American Music fulfills the humanities elective requirement.	33 credit hours
General Education Electives (Humanities, fine arts, literature, history, science, social science, mathematics. Foreign language study is encouraged.)	9 credit hours
Required Music Courses MUSI 105 Class Piano I MUSI 106 Class Piano II MUSI 181 Music Theory I MUSI 182 Music Theory II MUSI 183 Aural Skills I MUSI 184 Aural Skills II MUSI 205 Class Piano III MUSI 206 Class Piano IV MUSI 210 Piano Proficiency MUSI 281 Music Theory III MUSI 283 Aural Skills III MUSI 284 Aural Skills IV MUSI 287 Elementary Conducting Music History (choose 6 credit hours) - MUSI 285 Music History I (3 credit hours) - MUSI 286 Music History III (3 credit hours)	27 credit hours 1 credit hour 1 credit hours 3 credit hours 3 credit hours 1 credit hour 1 credit hour 1 credit hour 1 credit hour 2 credit hours 1 credit hours 3 credit hours 4 credit hours 5 credit hour 6 credit hours 6 credit hours
- MUSI 290 Music History III (3 credit hours) MUSI 489 Senior Project Preparation (1 credit hour, 2 semesters) MUSI 490 Senior Project*	2 credit hours 0 credit hours
Music Electives**	9 credit hours
Performance Requirements MUSA Applied Instrument/Voice (2 credit hours, 6 semesters) MUSE Ensembles (min. 4 semesters major ensemble, 2 semesters small ensemble) MUSI 117/317 Seminar (0 credit hours, corequisite with Applied, 6 semesters) MUSI 280 Sophomore Recital	18 credit hours 12 credit hours 6 credit hours 0 credit hours 0 credit hours
Unrestricted Electives	24 credit hours
Degree Total	120 credit hours

^{*} The senior project may take various forms, including a traditional performance recital, a different kind of performance presentation, a research or creative project (music analysis, literature, history, composition, etc.), or other project (including interdisciplinary) proposed under faculty supervision and approved by a faculty oversight committee.

^{**} Electives in this category are MUSI courses at 200 level or above. At least three units must be 300 and above. Ensembles (MUSE prefix) do not count toward this music elective requirement. Students are encouraged to work with their advisor to choose electives that support their capstone and career goals.