

MUSIC CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 36

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

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The music certificate curriculum consists of music courses that are required in music major programs at professionally accredited colleges, universities, and conservatories. It is intended for students who wish to transfer to these institutions.

Students are advised to take approximately 30 additional credits chosen to match the first two years of the program into which they plan to transfer. Montgomery College is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/music/music-certificate.html>

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Apply the fundamentals of music theory from basic notation and ear training through part writing and microanalysis to the creative process.
- Identify musical periods and styles from the Middle Ages to the present.
- Demonstrate the level of proficiency in music performance/ education required to perform standard audition repertoire expected in four-year music programs or for work in a variety of music-related careers.
- Perform collaboratively in ensembles, practice self-reflective assessment, and create a strategy of long-term intentional practice through applied music studies, technical studies, ensembles, and master classes in preparation for auditions.

Program Advisors

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

Applied Music (8 Credits Hours)

MUSC 147 - Applied Music 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 148 - Applied Music 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 215 - Applied Music 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 216 - Applied Music 2 *semester hours*

Music Theory (12 Credit Hours)

MUSC 190 - Music Theory I 3 *semester hours*

MUSC 191 - Music Theory II 3 *semester hours*

MUSC 233 - Music Theory III 3 *semester hours*

MUSC 234 - Music Theory IV 3 *semester hours*

Applied Music Laboratory (4 Credits Hours)

Large Ensemble (4 Credits Hours)

MUSC 161 - Series-Small Ensembles 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 161C - Jazz Ensemble 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 161D - World Ensemble 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 163 - College Chorus 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 166 - College Orchestra 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 170 - Chamber Singers 1 *semester hour*

MUSC 172 - College Band - Wind Ensemble 1 *semester hour*

Ear Training and Sightsinging (8 Credit Hours)

MUSC 194 - Ear Training and Sightsinging I 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 195 - Ear Training and Sightsinging II 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 237 - Ear Training and Sightsinging III 2 *semester hours*

MUSC 238 - Ear Training and Sightsinging IV 2 *semester hours*

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Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Music Teacher, Music Director, Music Composer and Arranger, Singer, Instrumental Musician, Musical Instrument Repairer and Tuner.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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