



Bachelor of Music Composition

The Bachelor of Music in Composition is designed for students who want to be professional composers. Composition students are also prepared for graduate studies that may lead to college-level teaching positions.

Composition coursework enables students to become well-rounded musicians and capable composers. In addition to university core requirements, coursework includes composition lessons, applied lessons on the student's major instrument, music theory and music history. Students gain performance experience in large and small instrumental or choral ensembles, and are encouraged to participate in AURA, the Moores School of Music's new music ensemble.

Admission Requirements

To pursue the Bachelor of Music in Composition, students must:

- Apply and be admitted to the University of Houston as a freshman or undergraduate transfer student. International students must have a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL or 79 on the internet-based TOEFL.
- Apply separately to the Moores School of Music and complete a successful audition. The music school application is available at www.music.uh.edu. Please note that music school application deadlines may differ from those of the university. Composition applicants must audition on a major instrument.

To be fully admitted to the composition program, students must complete all lower-division theory and aural skills courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better. A 3.25 GPA must be maintained in ALL theory courses for graduation. Additionally, students must have the approval of the Composition area faculty to progress to junior- and senior-level composition lessons required for degree completion.

More Information

General information and application materials: www.music.uh.edu/prospective.

Admissions and scholarship information: 713.743.5934

Degree requirements and transfer credit: 713.743.3172

Available Areas of Study

- Brass: trumpet, trombone, horn, euphonium, tuba
- Keyboard: piano, organ
- Percussion
- Strings: violin, viola, violoncello, double bass, jazz guitar, harp
- Woodwinds: flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, bassoon
- Voice

Scholarships

Awards for merit-based music scholarships are determined primarily by the student's skill level demonstrated at the audition. The admission audition serves as the scholarship audition.

