RECOMMENDED COMMON LOWER DIVISION MAJOR PREPARATION FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Theory, private study/recital, and performance classes are generally recommended each semester of a full-time program (4 semesters). In addition, a full year of music history and literature is generally recommended.

Most four-year colleges and universities administer a piano proficiency examination that must be passed by all music majors at their campus. Placement in the appropriate level of theory and private study is made by the Music Department.

Portfolio and/or auditions may be required for entrance into the music major. See a counselor or university catalog for more information.

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Although these are generally the recommended common lower division preparation, there are individual differences at the various campuses. It is recommended that the student consult www.ASSIST.org for specific major preparation courses.

Recommended: MUS 114, 115, 118, 119, 139, 147, 201E, 202E, 204E, 205E, 207E, 209E, 210E, 211E, 212E, 213E, 216E, 217E, 218E, and 219E.

LOWER DIVISION MAJOR PREPARATION FOR SPECIFIC TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS

California State University – Fullerton
CSU Fullerton offers both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Music and a Bachelor’s of Music (B.M.). For the Bachelor’s of Arts in Music, three concentrations are available: Liberal Arts, Music History and Theory, and Music Education. For the Bachelor’s of Music, six concentrations are available: Composition, Instrumental, Keyboard, Voice, Accompanying, and Jazz and Commercial Music.

Music majors are generally enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts degree program at the time of admission. Enrollment in the Bachelor of Music Program is limited. A student may request a change in degree objective based on successful completion of a jury examination, recommendation of the faculty in the
Transfer Preparation

Appropriate area of concentration, and completion of one semester of coursework. Exceptional transfer students may be permitted to enter the Bachelor of Music program at the beginning of their first semester. Enrollment in the Bachelor of Music program is limited.

A 2.5 grade point average is required in all courses to be used in degree requirements.

Each student must declare and will audition in their principal performance area (instrument or voice) and will audition for placement in class piano.

All students must pass proficiency examinations in traditional harmony (sight-singing, dictation, keyboard and paperwork) and piano before being approved for graduation. Transfer students will fulfill the theory requirement by passing the entrance examination in theory and will be placed in required music theory classes based on their competence at entrance. Transfer students with insufficient preparation at entrance will normally take the examinations in MUS 211 and 221.

Transfer credit will be given only up to their demonstrated level of competence, regardless of how many courses or units they have completed. For example, a student who has taken ten units of theory and whose placement exam places him in the third course in the CSUF theory sequence (Music 211) will be given credit for six units of music theory (Music 111 & 111L (3) and 112 & 112L (3).

Students are expected to reach a certain competency in piano which can be achieved independently or through class-piano study. However, the CSUF Music Department does not require piano classes in any degree program and does not grant transfer credit for piano classes, except as music electives.

Music majors are expected to participate in a major performance ensemble every semester. Applied – music study is the principal performance area is required as stipulated under the requirements for each degree program.

In addition to the common lower division transfer music major preparation lists above, allied requirements for the composition and music history and theory concentrations in the Bachelor of Music program require a proficiency in foreign language French, Italian, or German to be satisfied by one of the following:

a) 4 years study of foreign language in High School.
b) Passing an exam given by the CSUF foreign language department.
c) Completing the second semester of the beginning college sequence offered here at Cerritos (FREN 102 or GERM 102).

A similar requirement applies to the voice concentration but two foreign languages must be completed.

California State University – Long Beach

All entering transfer students are required to take a theory placement test and complete a performance audition which are regularly administered during the late Fall and Spring semesters and are also available at the beginning of registration week each semester. In addition, new students are required to meet with the advisor prior to registration.

Each major must declare a specialization in some performance area (voice, piano, or other orchestral instrument), develop ability in this area, appear in student recitals, and demonstrate progress to the satisfaction of the faculty. Music majors must also successfully pass a piano proficiency examination.
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An audition is required prior to admission for majors to assess performance standard. All applicants to the Bachelor of Arts in Music program must meet with the B.A. advisor before or at the beginning of the first semester of residence to review the statement of purpose and to draw up an individualized study plan.

The Bachelor of Music degree is a high-unit professional degree and requires 132 units for graduation. Music units include the core requirements and one option. Students interested in the Bachelor of Music program must successfully complete an audition for entrance to the program. This should be accomplished prior to entrance to the University. Students wishing to consider the Bachelor of Music program after they have enrolled at CSULB may not apply after they have completed more than a maximum of 96 units.

Students in the Bachelor of Music options of history and literature and performance may complete the second semester of French or German or successfully pass the appropriate foreign language exam.

University of California – Irvine
The Department of Music offers two degrees: The Bachelor of Arts in Music (B.A.) and the Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.). The B.A. in Music program enables students to study music theory, music history, composition and performance; the B.Mus. program allows students to specialize in piano performance, vocal performance, instrumental performance (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion, violin, viola, violoncello, and double bass), jazz studies (piano, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, bass, and percussion), and guitar and lute performance.

All Music applicants, regardless of degree objective, must apply to the B.A. program and audition in late January/early February with an instrument or voice, prior to the fall quarter when entrance is anticipated; admission to the B.Mus. degree program is by a second audition later after matriculation.

Transfer applicants who perform at a sufficiently high level in the entrance audition, have the requisite background in music theory and musicianship, and wish to earn the B.Mus. rather than the B.A. degree, will be offered the opportunity to change their degree objective from B.A. to B.Mus. upon matriculation at the University. Please visit the Music department website: http://music.arts.uci.edu/ for more information.

It is recommended that transfer students enter the major with college-level private instrumental or voice instruction, two years of music theory; the history of western music; ear-training; sight-singing; sight-reading and piano.

Transfer students must take the placement tests in musicianship, music theory, and music history in order to receive credit toward fulfilling degree requirements.

The Department of Music admits new undergraduate students including transfer students in the Fall Quarter only. All transfer students should pass the piano proficiency examination or take appropriate coursework.

MUS 103 Jazz in America 3
MUS 180 Music Theory/Musicianship I 4
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MUS 181 Music Theory/Musicianship II 4
&
MUS 280 Music Theory/Musicianship III 4
One year of individual vocal or instrumental instruction
One year of ensemble or repertory

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University of California-Los Angeles
Two undergraduate degrees are offered, the Music B.A. and one in Music History. The Music B.A. offers three areas of concentration: performance, composition, and music education. The Music History degree is designed to provide training in the study of music for liberal arts students who do not wish to pursue a degree in performance.

For the Music B.A. major recommended preparation for the major includes a one year comprehensive music theory course sequence, covering musicianship and theory, as well as keyboard skills if needed; one year of music history and analysis, and two years of applied private instruction on a primary instrument or in voice. For Composition and Performance: two years of participation in a large performance group such as orchestra, choir or wind ensemble. For Music Education: three years of participation in a large performance group such as orchestra, choir or wind ensemble.

The UCLA Department of Music admits new students in the Fall Quarter only. Students are accepted into the department upon evidence of creative talent and academic achievement. A faculty committee recommends admission decisions.

All applicants for admission are required to submit a supplemental application by digital upload. Additional fees may apply. An audition/interview is required of all applicants. Auditions are scheduled over several weekend dates in late January/February. Composition applicants must also submit a portfolio with a minimum of three written scores. All applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The requirements listed for major are subject to change without notice. It is the student’s responsibility to check for the most recent information with a Cerritos College counselor or by consulting ASSIST at www.assist.org.

NOTE: Courses listed may require prerequisite coursework.

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How to use ASSIST to find your major preparation for CSU/UC:

1. **Log on:** [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

2. **Select an Institution:** select “Cerritos College” or other community college from pull-down menu

3. **Select:** “Type of Transfer Institution” such as “UC Los Angeles”

4. **Select a major from pull-down menu**
   Report will show the university courses on the left and comparable community college classes on the right.

5. **PRINT:** print by clicking on gold “PRINT THIS REPORT” button on top. Then use the ASSIST screen menu on the top toolbar or click on the printer icon that will appear at the bottom of the page.

How to use ASSIST to explore the majors available at University of California and California State University campuses

- Click on “EXPLORE MAJORS”

How to use ASSIST to figure out whether courses from the community college are transferable to the CSU/UC.

- Select the community college of interest (Cerritos College)

- Select either CSU transferable courses or UC Transferable courses

- Select a department for the courses in question

*USC Articulation available at: [www.usc.edu/articulation](http://www.usc.edu/articulation) and **Select:** “TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE.”

**IMPORTANT:**
Students are advised to contact a Cerritos College counselor for more information & for details regarding other transfer agreements & options not available on ASSIST. Students can stop by the counseling desk to make an appointment or call (562) 860-2451 ext. 2231.