

# ABOUT THE MAJOR

UWG Music offers professional undergraduate and graduate degree programs in music. These programs are designed to prepare talented students for careers in music education, performance, or composition.

In addition to the specific degree programs, students find enrichment through concerts, recitals, workshops, and master classes by visiting performers and scholars and the program’s full-time and part-time faculty. The University of West Georgia is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

# ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [westga.edu/program-maps](https://westga.edu/program-maps) for the latest version of this major map.



VISIT WOLFWATCH  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.



HAVE A QUESTION?  
CHECK IN WITH  
YOUR ADVISOR!



## WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Arranger
- Concert/Event Producer
- Concert Hall Marketing Director
- Copyist
- Creative Entrepreneur
- Freelance Composer
- Music Composer
- Music Director
- Orchestrator
- Pit Orchestra Musician

## ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Jazz Studies
- Musical Theatre

## HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

# MUSIC COMPOSITION

## KEYBOARD & GUITAR TRACKS

*Bachelor of Music*

60 CORE CREDIT HOURS

48 MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

12 ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2025-2026

TERM 1: FALL

<b>C1: ENGL 1101</b> English Composition I	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>M: MATH 1001, 1111, OR 1113</b> Quant. Skills & Reasoning, College Algebra, or Precalculus	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>I2: XIDS 2002</b> (Recommended) WDYKA Worlds of Music	<b>2</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 1000</b> Comp. Music Lab	<b>0</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>F: MUSC 1301</b> Music Theory I	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>F: MUSC 1401</b> Aural Skills I	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 1501</b> Keyboard Skills I	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 2600</b> Principal Applied	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 27X0</b> Marching Band or Concert Choir	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
MILESTONES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COMPLETE ENGL 1101: GRADE OF C OR BETTER</li><li>• COMPLETE CORE IMPACTS MATH</li><li>• COMPLETE MUSC 1301, 1401, 1501</li><li>• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000</li><li>• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 2600</li></ul>	

TERM 2: SPRING

<b>C2: ENGL 1102</b> English Composition II	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 1000</b> Comp. Music Lab	<b>0</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>F: MUSC 1302</b> Music Theory II	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>F: MUSC 1402</b> Aural Skills II	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 1502</b> Keyboard Skills II	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 2600</b> Principal Applied	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 27X0</b> Concert Choir or a Concert Band	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>I1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>T1: NON-LAB SCIENCE</b>	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COMPLETE ENGL 1102: GRADE OF C OR BETTER</li><li>• COMPLETE MUSC 1302, 1402, 1502</li><li>• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000</li><li>• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 2600</li></ul>	

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS  
= 31 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Develop an accountability group with your music core classmates.
- Create a personal Google calendar with classes, rehearsals, and practice time.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Consider joining a student organization like cNAfME, ACDA, or Phi Delta.
- Attend as many student recitals and ensemble concerts as you can.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Attend multiple concerts outside of your area.
- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Consider volunteering for a community organization or local music event.
- Attend a musical event at the Carrollton Center for the Arts.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub, Health Services, and URec to explore all your options on campus.
- Balance your coursework, personal practice, and concert attendance.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Visit Career Services.
- Consider applying for on-campus employment.

TERM 1: FALL

<b>MUSC 1000</b> Comp. Music Lab	<b>0</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 2301</b> Music Theory III	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 2401</b> Aural Skills III	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 2501</b> Keyboard Skills III	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>F: MUSC 2600</b> Principal Applied	<b>2</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>F: MUSC 27X0</b> Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, or Concert Choir	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 3603</b> Percussion Techniques and Materials	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 3605</b> Voice Techniques and Materials	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>S1: HIST 111X</b> World History	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>A: HUMANITIES</b>	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COMPLETE MUSC 2301, 2401, 2501</li><li>• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000</li><li>• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 2600</li></ul>	

TERM 2: SPRING

<b>MUSC 1000</b> Comp. Music Lab	<b>0</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 2302</b> Music Theory IV	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 2402</b> Aural Skills IV	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 2502</b> Keyboard Skills IV	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 2600</b> Principal Applied	<b>2</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>MUSC 27X0</b> Concert Choir or a concert band	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>MUSC 3601</b> Woodwind Techniques and Materials	<b>1</b> CREDIT HOUR
<b>T2: SCIENCE + LAB</b>	<b>4</b> CREDIT HOURS
<b>A: HUMANITIES</b>	<b>3</b> CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COMPLETE MUSC 2302, 2402, 2502</li><li>• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000</li><li>• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 2600 &amp; LEVEL CHANGE EXAM</li></ul>	

16 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS  
= 32 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Meet regularly with your faculty mentor.
- Attend office hours with your professors.
- Prepare and perform your half recital.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Get your chamber ensemble credits - perform in multiple ensembles.
- Settle in to a daily practice routine that you develop with your applied teacher.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Attend an Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concert at the Woodruff Center.
- Explore summer workshop/seminar possibilities in your area.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Find opportunities to gig in the area with ensembles, churches, etc.
- Consider a summer employment opportunity in music.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Visit counseling services and consider taking a mental health screening.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Develop your CV and learn about networking on social media.
- Attend GMEA conference in Athens in January.

TERM 1: FALL

MUSC 1000	0	CREDIT HOURS
Comp. Music Lab		
MUSC 3604	1	CREDIT HOUR
String Techniques and Materials		
MUSC 3701	3	CREDIT HOURS
Western Music before 1800		
MUSC 3850	3	CREDIT HOURS
Conducting		
MUSC 4400	2	CREDIT HOURS
Counterpoint		
MUSC 4410	2	CREDIT HOURS
Applied Composition		
MUSC 4600	2	CREDIT HOURS
Principal Applied		
MUSC 47X0	1	CREDIT HOUR
Concert Choir, Marching Band, or Wind Ensemble		
MUSC XXXX	1	CREDIT HOUR
Upper-Division Electives		
MILESTONES:		
• COMPLETE MUSC 3701 DSW REQUIREMENT		
• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000		
• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 4600		

TERM 2: SPRING

MUSC 1000	0	CREDIT HOURS
Comp. Music Lab		
MUSC 3230	2	CREDIT HOURS
Technology in Composition & Improvisation		
MUSC 3602	1	CREDIT HOUR
Brass Techniques and Materials		
MUSC 3702	3	CREDIT HOURS
Western Music After 1825 and World Music		
MUSC 4600	2	CREDIT HOURS
Principal Applied		
MUSC 47X0	1	CREDIT HOUR
Concert Choir or a concert band		
MUSC 4944	2	CREDIT HOURS
Half Composition Recital		
MUSC XXXX	2	CREDIT HOURS
Upper-Division Electives		
MILESTONES:		
• COMPLETE MUSC 3702 DSW REQUIREMENT		
• SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE IN MUSC 1000		
• SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN MUSC 4600		
• SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MUSC 4944 HALF COMP. RECITAL		

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 13 SPRING CREDIT HOURS  
= 28 CREDIT HOURS

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Meet regularly with your faculty mentor.
- Attend office hours with your professors.
- Prepare and perform your half recital.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Get your chamber ensemble credits - perform in multiple ensembles.
- Settle in to a daily practice routine that you develop with your applied teacher.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Attend an Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concert at the Woodruff Center.
- Explore summer workshop/seminar possibilities in your area.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Find opportunities to gig in the area with ensembles, churches, etc.
- Consider a summer employment opportunity in music.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Visit counseling services and consider taking a mental health screening.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Develop your CV and learn about networking on social media.
- Attend GMEA conference in Athens in January.

TERM 1: FALL

MUSC 4200	2	CREDIT HOURS
Orchestration and Arranging		
MUSC 4410	2	CREDIT HOURS
Applied Composition		
MUSC 4240	2	CREDIT HOURS
Form and Analysis		
MUSC 4610 OR 4850	2	CREDIT HOURS
Secondary Applied or Applied Conducting		
MUSC 47X0	1	CREDIT HOUR
Concert Choir, Marching Band, or Wind Ensemble		
MUSC XXXX	2	CREDIT HOURS
Upper-Division Electives		
S2: SOCIAL SCIENCE	3	CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONE:		
• APPLY FOR GRADUATION		

TERM 2: SPRING

MUSC 4610	1	CREDIT HOUR
Secondary Applied		
MUSC 4945	3	CREDIT HOURS
Full Composition Recital		
MUSC XXXX	2	CREDIT HOURS
Upper-Division Electives		
P1: HIST 211X	3	CREDIT HOURS
US History		
P2: POLS 1101	3	CREDIT HOURS
American Government		
T3: STEM COURSE	3	CREDIT HOURS
MILESTONE:		
• SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF MUSC 4945 FULL COMP. RECITAL		

14 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS  
= 29 CREDIT HOURS

**Additional Information:**

- MUSC courses must be taken as scheduled above. Failure to pass a sequential Music course will result in a delay of progression of one year. Having to repeat a course does not affect progression in other courses, except where the unsuccessful course is a prerequisite.
- ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, XIDS 2002, and MATH 1001, 1111, or 1113 must be taken in the first year of study. Otherwise, Core IMPACTS curriculum courses may be taken in any order.

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Check on your upper level music electives.
- Prepare and perform your senior recital.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Write a piece of music for a UWG ensemble to perform.
- Develop a personal website to showcase your music.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Audition for a summer festival in your area.
- Consider a study abroad program.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Explore summer internship opportunities in music.
- Connect with UWG comp alumni.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Develop a post-graduation exercise and wellness plan.
- Explore loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Request references from your professors/supervisors.
- Attend interview workshops.
- Apply to graduate programs.