

## MAJORS

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- Music BA
- Music BM
- Music Education (Choral Licensure) BMed
- Music Education (Instrumental Licensure) BMed

## MINORS

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- Applied Music Minor
- History and Music History Minor

## CERTIFICATE

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- Performance Certificate

## CONTACT US

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Post-secondary students in the State of Mississippi often choose to attend a Mississippi community college (MS CC) and earn an associate degree before transferring to The University of Southern Mississippi to complete their bachelor's degree. To make this transition as smooth as possible and to ensure no credits are lost, we have created this transfer guide. In most, but not all, cases, students may complete a bachelor's degree in what we refer to as a '2+2' format:

2 years at a MS CC for an associate degree, which includes general education coursework





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2 years at USM to complete the bachelor's degree

Please use the key below to determine which courses you must, should, or could take at a Mississippi community college before transferring to Southern Miss.

## KEY



 <b>MUST</b>	Students who do not complete these requirements at a MS CC cannot complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 <b>SHOULD</b>	Students should complete these requirements at a MS CC in order to have the smoothest transition to Southern Miss. It may still be possible to complete a bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format without taking these courses, but it will be challenging.
 <b>COULD</b>	Students could complete these requirements at a MS CC if they desire. Not taking these courses prior to transferring will not affect a student's ability to complete their bachelor's degree in the 2+2 format.
 <b>CALCULUS READINESS</b>	Calculus is required on this degree plan. Students should arrive at Southern Miss ready to take Calculus I, which means they must have completed Trigonometry or have a Math ACT subscore $\geq 26$ . Students may complete Calculus I prior to transferring if they desire.



**NOTE:** *This document is intended as a guide; it does not guarantee graduation in the 2+2 format. Degree requirements are subject to change. Please consult the school of your desired major for up-to-date requirements.*

Additional majors are available from the other Southern Miss colleges.

### College of Education & Human Sciences

Hattiesburg 601.266.4568

Gulf Park 228.214.3340

### College of Nursing & Health Professions

Hattiesburg 601.266.5445

AskCNHP@usm.edu

### College of Business & Economic Development

Hattiesburg 601.266.4659

Gulf Park 228.214.3447

business@usm.edu



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# MUSIC

MUSIC BA, MUSIC BM



## PROGRAM INFO

Master your musical artistry and prepare to be a prominent educator and artist through the study of music. At Southern Miss, this is accomplished through a well-rounded education focused on applied lessons, performance-driven opportunities like participation in major ensembles including band, choir, jazz band, or orchestra, and music history and theory classes.

Our program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

At USM, you will achieve musical excellence through academic engagement on and off the stage. The School of Music offers degrees in music performance, music education, and a music-based liberal arts degree.

Performance emphases include:

- Percussion
- Piano
- Strings
- Voice
- Winds
- Jazz Studies

## CAREER OUTLOOK

The bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degree programs are ideal for people who want to work as performers, musicologists, private studio teachers, music theorists, band directors, church musicians, and arts administrators, among many other possibilities.

## OPPORTUNITIES



### SCHOLARSHIPS

All prospective students who audition (as music majors or as non-majors) for the School of Music are considered for competitive music scholarships.



### STUDY ABROAD

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# ALL MUSIC DEGREES 2+2

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**\* MUST**

All transfer students will take the music theory placement test. Students who do not test at the junior level cannot finish a music degree in 2+2 years. Take these music theory courses to prepare for the placement test. Take applied lessons and large ensembles at your community college. BM and BMEd: 4 semesters; BA: at least 2 semesters.

## CHECKLIST

## COURSES

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### Courses at Community College

### Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss

<b>* MUS 1213 and MUS 1211</b> (or <b>MUS 1214</b> )	<b>MUS 101/L</b> Music Theory I Lecture and Laboratory
<b>* MUS 1223 and MUS 1221</b> (or <b>MUS 1224</b> )	<b>MUS 102/L</b> Music Theory II Lecture and Laboratory
<b>* MUS 2213 and MUS 2211</b> (or <b>MUS 2214</b> )	<b>MUS 201/L</b> Music Theory III Lecture and Laboratory
<b>* MUS 2223 and MUS 2221</b> (or <b>MUS 2224</b> )	<b>MUS 202/L</b> Music Theory IV Lecture and Laboratory

## MUSIC THEORY PLACEMENT

Students transferring to the School of Music from other two- or four-year institutions who have successfully completed sophomore level music theory and ear training are required to take "Transfer Student Placement Tests." This is to ensure that the content studied elsewhere has prepared the student for upper level studies at USM.



[usm.edu/music/theory](https://usm.edu/music/theory)



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APPLIED LESSONS		
<b>* PIANO</b> MUA 1572, 1572, 1582, 1583, 2572, 2573, 2582, or 2583		MUP 201
<b>* FLUTE</b> MUA 1872, 1873, 1882, 1883, 2872, 2873, 2882, or 2883		MUP 214
<b>* OBOE</b> MUA 1872, 1873, 1882, 1883, 2872, 2873, 2882, or 2883		MUP 217
<b>* CLARINET</b> MUA 1872, 1873, 1882, 1883, 2872, 2873, 2882, or 2883		MUP 220
<b>* SAXOPHONE</b> MUA 1872, 1873, 1882, 1883, 2872, 2873, 2882, or 2883		MUP 223
<b>* BASSOON</b> MUA 1872, 1873, 1882, 1883, 2872, 2873, 2882, or 2883		MUP 226
<b>* HORN</b> MUA 1172, 1173, 1182, 1183, 2172, 2173, 2182, or 2183		MUP 229
<b>* TRUMPET</b> MUA 1172, 1173, 1182, 1183, 2172, 2173, 2182, or 2183		MUP 232
<b>* TROMBONE</b> MUA 1172, 1173, 1182, 1183, 2172, 2173, 2182, or 2183		MUP 235
<b>* EUPHONIUM</b> MUA 1172, 1173, 1182, 1183, 2172, 2173, 2182, or 2183		MUP 238
<b>* TUBA</b> MUA 1172, 1173, 1182, 1183, 2172, 2173, 2182, or 2183		MUP 241



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Take applied lessons and large ensembles at your community college.  
BM and BMEd: 4 semesters; BA: at least 2 semesters.

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## COURSES

Courses at Community College		Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
<b>* VIOLIN</b> MUA 1672, 1673, 1682, 1683, 2672, 2673, 2682, or 2683		MUP 244
<b>* VIOLA</b> MUA 1672, 1673, 1682, 1683, 2672, 2673, 2682, or 2683		MUP 247
<b>* CELLO</b> MUA 1672, 1673, 1682, 1683, 2672, 2673, 2682, or 2683		MUP 250
<b>* STRING BASS</b> MUA 1672, 1673, 1682, 1683, 2672, 2673, 2682, or 2683		MUP 253
<b>* PERCUSSION</b> MUA 1472, 1473, 1482, 1483, 2472, 2473, 2482, or 2483		MUP 256
<b>* VOICE</b> MUA 1772, 1773, 1782, 1783, 2772, 2773, 2782, or 2783		MUP 261
<b>* GUITAR</b> MUA 1272, 1282, 2272, or 2282		MUP 267

NO. TAKEN	MAJOR ENSEMBLES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>* ORCHESTRA</b> MUO 1311, 1321, 2311, or 2321	MUP 481
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>* BAND</b> MUO 1111, 1121, 2111, or 2121	MUP 482
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>* SOUTHERN CHORALE</b> MUO 1211, 1221, 2211, or 2221	MUP 483
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>* JAZZ LAB BAND</b> MUO 1171, 1181, 2171, or 2181	MUP 484



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# MUSIC EDUCATION

CHORAL LICENSURE,  
INSTRUMENTAL LICENSURE



## PROGRAM INFO

This is an innovative and practical degree with a curriculum that prepares students to be among the finest music teachers in the nation. Emphasis areas are designed to provide a balance between music performance, music pedagogy (the practice of teaching), and general education.

While at Southern Miss, music education students not only succeed in their preparation to become future music leaders, but succeed as performers, winning state and national performance awards.

Our program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Music education students receive world class training in music theory, music performance through private lesson study and ensemble experience, and the art of teaching.

Students explore and develop skills in performing various levels of music, while gaining the ability to effectively conduct rehearsals, choose repertoire, and develop appropriate performance goals for diverse types of music classes, concerts, festivals, competitions, and auditions.

## OPPORTUNITIES



### SCHOLARSHIPS

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### STUDY ABROAD

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## CAREER OUTLOOK

This degree program is ideal for students who are interested in careers as music therapists, musicologists, music directors, music instructors, and band and choral directors.

This degree prepares students to take the Praxis II exam. Successful scoring on this exam, along with a carefully supervised field experience leads to teacher certification in the State of Mississippi.

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# BM AND BMEd 2+2

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Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...

**\* MUST** Complete the requirements on the All Music Degrees pages. Take General Psychology (BMEd only), may duplicate general education requirement.

**SHOULD** Take piano lessons in addition to class piano at community college to prepare for the piano proficiency test.

**NOTE** If completing the Music Education (Instrumental Licensure) BMEd you should expect to need at least one additional term at USM after transferring in order to complete course requirements and a student teaching internship. **2+2.5**

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Courses at Community College	Equivalent Courses at Southern Miss
MUA 1511	MED 101 Class Piano I
MUA 1521	MED 102 Class Piano II
MUA 2511	MED 201 Class Piano III
MUA 2521	MED 202 Class Piano IV
<b>* BMEd majors only</b> PSY 1513 (May duplicate general ed. requirement)	PSY 110 General Psychology

# MUSIC BA 2+2

Complete all requirements for a MS community college associate degree, including general education coursework, and...

**\* MUST** Complete the requirements on the All Music Degrees pages.

**COULD** Complete the fourth semester of a world language.

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**WORLD LANGUAGE**  
through fourth semester

**FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH**  
Regularly offered at USM



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