

26 -27 A.A. Music Degree (MUS)

ABOUT THIS MAJOR



To obtain the Associate of Arts in Music degree, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of music theory, history, performance, and piano, equipping them with the necessary skills for a seamless transition to a California State University or University of California as a Music major. This degree not only fosters musical proficiency but also cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving abilities essential for success in various academic and professional pursuits. Moreover, the curriculum may also delve into interdisciplinary areas, offering insights into related fields such as arts management or music technology. The Associate of Arts in Music is designed to mirror the Associate of Arts in Music for Transfer (AA-T in Music) with additional classes in piano and chamber music to prepare students for piano proficiency exams and junior-level performance proficiency in chamber music. Students are encouraged to pursue the AA in Music and AA-T in Music simultaneously. For more information, visit the [Arts & Humanities](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of a minimum of 60-semester units or 90 quarter units of degree applicable courses
- [2] A minimum of 18-semester units in a major
- [3] Completion of 21 units AVC General Education Requirements
- [4] Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- [5] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

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[Total Units Required for the Major 29]

Require Course: Complete all the following: (19 units)	
MUS120 - Music Theory I	3
Co-requisite: MUS 153A	
MUS131 - Piano I	1
MUS132 - Piano II	1
Prerequisite: Completion of MUS 131.	
MUS151 - Music Theory II	3
Prerequisite: MUS 120; Co-requisite: MUS 153B	
MUS153A - Musicianship I	1
MUS153B - Musicianship II	1
Prerequisite: Completion of MUS 153A.	
MUS231 - Piano III	1
Prerequisite: Completion of MUS 132.	
MUS251A - Music Theory III	3
Pre-requisite: MUS 151.Co-requisite: MUS 253A	
MUS251B - Music Theory IV	3
Prerequisite: MUS 251A; Corequisite: MUS 253B	
MUS253A - Musicianship III	1
Prerequisite: MUS 153B.	
MUS253B - Musicianship IV	1
Prerequisite: Completion of MUS 253A.	

Complete one of the following four times: Total 2 units	
Limitation on Enrollment: Audition required; students should enroll in the course and audition information will be delivered to the student on or before the first class session.	
MUS291A - Private Lessons: Voice, Guitar, and Piano	0.5
Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in MUS 292 and MUS 181.	
MUS291B - Private Lessons: Winds, Brass, and Percussion	0.5
Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in MUS 292 and MUS 160.	
MUS291C - Private Lessons: Bowed Strings	0.5
Corequisite: Concurrent enrollment in MUS 292 and MUS 166.	

Large Ensemble: Complete total of 4 units	
Limitation on Enrollment: Audition required; students should enroll in the course and audition information will be delivered to the student on or before the first class session.	
MUS160 - Symphonic Band	1
MUS166 - Orchestra	1
MUS181 - Master Chorale	1

Chamber Ensemble (Total 4 units)	
Limitation on Enrollment: Audition required; students should enroll in the course and audition information will be delivered to the student on or before the first class session.	
MUS180 - Chamber Music	1

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Associate of Arts in Music

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty
Take classes in Summer or Intersession if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

SEMESTER 1	
Course Advisement	Units
MUS120	3
MUS 153A	1
MUS 131	1
Large Ensemble: MUS 160 or MUS 166 or MUS 181	1
MUS 291A or MUS291B or MUS 291C	0.5
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:MUS 180	1
AVC GE AREA 1A: ENGL C1000	4
AVC GE AREA 1B: COMM C1000	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	1
Total Semester Units	15.5

SEMESTER 2	
Course Advisement	Units
MUS 151 (AVC GE AREA 3)	3
MUS 153B	1
MUS 132	1
Large Ensemble: MUS 160 or MUS 166 or MUS 181	1
MUS 291A or MUS291B or MUS 291C	0.5
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: MUS 180	1
AVC GE AREA 2: MATH 110 (rec.)	3
AVC GE AREA 4 : Social & Behavioral Sci (HIST 111 rec.)	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	2
Total Semester Units	15.5

SUMMER	
Course Advisement	Units
MUS 231	1
Total Semester Units	1

SEMESTER 3	
Course Advisement	Units
MUS 251A	3
MUS 253A	1
Large Ensemble: MUS 160 or MUS 166 or MUS 181	1
MUS 291A or MUS291B or MUS 291C	0.5
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:MUS 180	1
AVC GE AREA 5: ANTH 101 (rec.)	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	2
Total Semester Units	14.5

SEMESTER 4	
Course Advisement	Units
MUS 251B	3
MUS 253B	1
Large Ensemble: MUS 160 or MUS 166 or MUS 181	1
MUS 291A or MUS291B or MUS 291C	1
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: MUS 180	1
AVC GE AREA 6: ENGL 257 (rec.)	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	3
GENERAL ELECTIVE	1
Total Semester Units	13.5
TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	60

DRAFT 2026-2027 AVC General Education Requirements

Advising Form Effective Fall 2026 - Summer 2027

GE AREA	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	NEED	
				The requirements for an AA or AS degree include the following: 1. A minimum of 60 semester units; with at least 12 semester units completed in residence at AVC for an AA/AS degree (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units); maximum of 12 pass/no-pass credit units can be accepted towards an AA/AS degree. 2. Refer to each individual program for major requirements. All major courses as specified in the AVC catalog must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. 3. An overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 ("C" average) is required. Double counting: While a course may satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement. Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d) Complete at least 3 semester units from each of the following areas below: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Minimum Total GE Units Required 21 semester units or 28-31.5 quarter units.
				AREA 1: ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING 2 courses required, one from Area A and one from Area B, 6 semester or 8 quarter units
1A				Group A: English Composition: ENGL C1000, ENGL C1000H
1B				Group B: Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: COMM C1000, C1000H; ENGL C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; PHIL 201
				AREA 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning 1 course, 3 semester or 4 quarter units
2				MATH 103, 110, 116, 124, 128, 140, 148, 149 , 150, 150H, 160, 220, 230, 250; STAT C1000, C1000H
				AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES 1 courses, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
3				ART 100, 103, 104, 106, 113, 132, 135, 137, 140, 145, 163, 170, 213; ARTH C1100, C1100H, C1200, C1200H ; CHIN 101, 102, 201, 202; DFST 101, 102, 201, 202; COMM 112, 114, 217, 219; DA 101, 113; ENGL 114, 221, 222, 225, 227, 230, 231, 235, 242, 253, 253H, 256, 257, 259, 265, 279, C1002, C1002H ; FREN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203; FTV 101, 107, 108, 201, 203, 251, 261; GER 101, 102, 201, 202; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 115, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; LATN 101, 102, 201; MUS 101, 101H, 105, 106, 110, 111, 120, 151; MUSC 102, 103, 107, 108, 109; PHIL 105, 105H, 106, 108, 109, 230, 240 ; NF 150; PHOT 107; PHTC 101, 150, 201; SPAN 101, 102, 110SS, 201, 202, 203, 210SS, 220SS; THA 101, 101H, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 111, 130, 225, 239, 239H, 240
				AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
4				AJ 206; ANTH 102, 103, 110, 112, 112H, 140; BUS 212; CFE 102, 103; DFST 105, 106, 110; ECON 100, 110, C2001, C2001H, C2002, C2002H ; GEOG 105, 106, 110; HIST 104, 105, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119, C1001, C1001H, C1002, C1002H ; POLS 103, 200, 201, 202, 203, C1000, C1000H ; PSY 200, 201, 212, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236; PSYC C1000, C1000H; SOC 105, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 120, 200; SOCI C1000, C1000H
				AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
5				ANTH 101, 101H; ASTR C1001, C1001H ; BIOL 100, C1001# , 102, 103, 104, 104H, 110, 120, 201, 202, 204, 205; CHEM 101, 102, 110, 120, 210, 220; ELTE 101; ERSC 101; GEOG 101, 102; GEOL 101, 101H, 102; PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211; PSCI 101 # Students must register separately for the required lab component of BIOL 101L
				AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES 1 course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
6				ETHN 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 ; ENGL 257 or ETHN 257EN

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

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Application for Graduation:

Antelope Valley College awards degrees three times annually following the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. Students must apply for graduation to earn their degree or certificate. **Applications are due by September 6 for spring/summer graduates and by February 14 for fall graduates.**

AVC 26-27 CATALOG: [ACADEMIC POLICIES](#)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division