

Music Composition & Songwriting Certificate 25-26



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

The Music Composition & Songwriting certificate is designed to prepare students for careers upon graduation to write music (popular, concert, or for media). Students are trained in a breadth of musical concepts, including theory, musicianship, piano, and music technology.

For more information, visit the [Arts & Humanities](#) division.

TO EARN A Certificate A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major & Program Electives Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A C or better in all courses required for the major

Cert. Music Composition & Songwriting

[Total Units Required for the Certificate 21]

Require Course: Complete ALL the following: (14 units)

MUS120 - Music Theory I	3
MUS131 - Piano I	1
MUS132 - Piano II	1
MUS151 - Music Theory II	3
MUS153A - Musicianship I	1
MUS153B - Musicianship II	1
MUSC104 - The Music Industry	3
MUSC199 - Work Experience Education	1

Applied Music Performance, complete a total of 1 units

MUS292 - Applied Music Performance	0.5
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Specialty : Choose one from the following (Total of 3 units)

MUSC113 - Songwriting	3
MUSC136 - Media Scoring	3
MUSC150C - Music Notation & Composition: Sibelius Fundamentals	3

Private Lessons: take one of the following two times: (Total 1)

MUS291A - Private Lessons: Voice, Guitar, and Piano	0.5
MUS291B - Private Lessons: Winds, Brass, and Percussion	0.5
MUS291C - Private Lessons: Bowed Strings	0.5
MUS291D - Private Lessons: Popular Music, Composition, and Non-Transfer	0.5

Large Ensemble: select two units from the following: (Total 2)

MUS160 - Symphonic Band	1
MUS166 - Orchestra	1
MUS180 - Chamber Music	1
MUS181 - Master Chorale	1
MUSC170A - Marching Marauders	1
MUSC173 - Jazz Ensemble B (Beginning)	1
MUSC220A - Popular Music Ensemble (Test Flight)	1
MUSC273 - Jazz Ensemble A (Advanced)	1

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY








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









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

 Major

SEMESTER 1

Course Advisement	Units
 MUS120	3
 MUS 153A	1
 MUS 131	1
 MUSC 104	3
 APPLIED MUSSIC:MUS 292	0.5
 LARGE ENSEMBLE :CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	1
 PRIVATE LESSONS :CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	0.5
Total Semester Units	10

SEMESTER 2

Course Advisement	Units
 MUS 151	3
 MUS 153B	1
 MUS 132	1
 MUSC 199	1
 APPLIED MUSIC: MUS 292	0.5
 LARGE ENSEMBLE :CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	1
 PRIVATE LESSONS :CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	0.5
 SPECIALITY: CHOOSE ONE FROM LIST	3
Total Semester Units	11

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS	21
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COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade 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)

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 25-26 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