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BM - Comp Theory		Total Units:
Major		132
Entrance	Fall 2026	Ext Units:

First Year	Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units	
_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	1	_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2
_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1	_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1
_____	CFA MT 101 Music Theory 1	3	_____	CFA MT 102 Music Theory 2	3
_____	CFA MT 111 Aural Skills	1	_____	CFA MT 112 Aural Skills 2	1
_____	CFA MT 121 Basic Composition 1	2	_____	CFA MT 122 Basic Composition 2	2
_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0	_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0
_____	Language Elective	4	_____	Language Elective	4
_____			_____		
_____	CAS WR 120 First Year Writing Seminar*	4	_____	CAS WR 151/152/153*	4
_____	CFA FA 100 The CFA Experience*	2			
	Total:	18	Total:	17	
Second Year					
_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2	_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2
_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1	_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1
_____	CFA MP 111 Group Piano 1	1	_____	CFA MP 112 Group Piano 2	1
_____	CFA MH 211 History and Lit of Music 1*	4	_____	CFA MH 212 History and Lit of Music 2	4
_____	CFA MT 201 Music Theory 3*	3	_____	CFA MT 202 Music Theory 4	3
_____	CFA MT 211 Aural Skills 3	1	_____	CFA MT 212 Aural Skills 4	1
_____	CFA MT 221 Composition 3	2	_____	CFA MT 222 Composition 4	2
_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0	_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0
_____	BU Hub req. outside major:	4	_____	BU Hub req. outside major:	4
_____			_____		
	Total:	18	Total:	18	
Third Year					
_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2	_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2
_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1	_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1
_____	CFA MT 321 Composition 5	2	_____	CFA MT 322 Composition 6	2
_____	CFA MT 301 Music Theory 5	2	_____	CFA MT 302 Music Theory 6	2
_____	CFA MT 341 Modal Counterpoint	2	_____	CFA MT 342 Tonal Counterpoint	2
_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0	_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0
_____	Music History 400-Level Elective:	4	_____	Music History 400-Level Elective:	4
_____			_____		
_____	BU Hub req. outside major:	4	_____	BU Hub req. outside major:	4
_____			_____		
	Total:	17	Total:	17	
Fourth Year					
_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2	_____	CFA ML _____ Applied Music	2
_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1	_____	CFA _____ Music Org.	1
_____	CFA MT 421 Composition 7	3	_____	CFA MT 422 Composition 8	3
_____	CFA MT 431 Orchestration 1	2	_____	CFA MT 432 Orchestration 2	2
_____	CFA MP 390 Conducting 1	2	_____	CFA MP 391 Conducting 2	2
_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0	_____	CFA MT 520 Composer's Forum	0
_____	CFA MT 435 Electronic Composition*	2	_____	BU Hub req. outside major:	4
_____	Elective Credits:		_____		
_____			_____		
	Total:	13	Total:	14	

BU HUB	
Req.	Course
PLM	CFA FA 100
AEX	CFA MT 201-2^
HCO	CFA MH 211
SI1	
SO1	
SI2/SO2	
QR1	CFA MT 201-2^
QR2	CFA MT 301
IIC	(lang. elective)
GCI	
GCI	
ETR	
FYW	CAS WR 120
WRI	CAS WR 151/2/3
WIN	
WIN	
OSC	
DME	CFA MT 435
CRT	
CRT	
RIL	CAS WR 151/2/3
RIL	CFA MH 211
TWC	
TWC	
CRI	CFA MT 201-2^
CRI	
For more information:	
bu.edu/hub	
^ denotes bundled courses; students must take both to earn Hub requirements.	
Hub req. not satisfied in the required courses above may be fulfilled in elective course options inside and/or outside of CFA.	

Please reference the BU Bulletin for more information: <https://www.bu.edu/academics/cfa/programs/school-of-music/composition/bm/>

About the CFA Advising Worksheet

The CFA Advising worksheet comprises several parts:

- **The Semester Planner** is designed for students to look at their program semester by semester. Required courses are included as well as suggested slots for electives. While an individual student's course trajectory may differ slightly, following this plan will keep a student on track for on-time graduation.
- **The Hub Planner** allows students to keep track of their completed Hub requirements; "internal" Hub courses that students will satisfy through major requirements are pre-filled. The complete list of Hub requirements is available on this sheet and online at bu.edu/hub

When you choose electives, fill in the course number and name in the semester planner and the Hub requirements in the Hub planner. Keep this sheet updated and bring it to your advisor each time you register for classes.

Completing the Hub

There are two kinds of Hub requirements, those in the five capacities, and those in the intellectual toolkit plus writing intensive. A 4-credit Hub course will *typically* satisfy two regular requirements and one intellectual toolkit or writing intensive requirements.

Students have several 4-unit courses in their programs devoted to satisfying Hub requirements, noted in the **semester planner** on this worksheet. Each of these can satisfy at most two regular requirements and one intellectual toolkit / writing intensive requirements (2 + 1 rule). Students should have space for an additional one or two electives throughout their program, particularly in the senior year, which may be used to satisfy remaining Hub requirements if needed. Know that some elective courses offered by CFA that fulfill major elective requirements will also satisfy Hub requirements. Consult the Hub website, My BU, and your Academic Advisor for information about "internal" electives that may fulfill Hub requirements.

Finding Hub Courses

As students are choosing their electives, both internally and externally, they should look for courses that interest them and satisfy the Hub requirements that remain unfilled in the Hub planner. Here are three ways to learn more about Hub courses:

My BU: <https://mybustudent.bu.edu>

- One of the easiest ways to search for Hub requirements is in My BU. Visit Course Catalog – Class Search and Expand Filters. From here, select Hub Requirements under Course Attribute, and even more detailed, specific Hub Requirement under Course Attribute Value.

BU Bulletin: <http://www.bu.edu/academics>

- The BU Bulletin offers a listing of courses within departments; this will be useful to research "internal" elective options or get a sense of which Hub requirements certain departments might fulfill.

Information about the Hub: <http://www.bu.edu/hub>

- This website has a lot of information, including details about the educational philosophy and design of the Hub, tips, and links to other resources. You can also find lists of Hub courses on this website.

Hub Requirements Abbreviation Guide

PLM Philosophical Inquiry and Life's Meanings
AEX Aesthetic Exploration
HCO Historical Consciousness
SI1 Scientific Inquiry 1
SO1 Social Inquiry 1
SI2/SO2 Scientific Inquiry 2 or Social Inquiry 2
QR1 Quantitative Reasoning 1
QR2 Quantitative Reasoning 2
IIC The Individual in Community
GCI Global Citizenship & Intercultural Literacy (2 requirements)
ETR Ethical Reasoning

FYW First Year Writing Seminar
WRI Research, Writing, and Inquiry
OSC Oral and/or Signed Communication
DMC Digital/Multimedia Communication
WIN Writing Intensive (2 requirements)
CRT Critical Thinking (2 requirements)
RIL Research & Information Literacy (2 requirements)
TWC Teamwork/Collaboration (2 requirements)
CRI Creativity/Innovation (2 requirements)