



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN
BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION (BME) IN VOCAL/KEYBOARD
CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026

NAME: _____ H#: _____ DATE: _____

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 131 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 131-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: *Course must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking (or higher) or *PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reasoning	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	Natural Science with Lab	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	Additional History (Choose 1): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation or NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition	3	COMM 1323 Rhetoric and Public Speaking	3
		TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE	43

Students transferring to Houston Christian University with 45 or more hours of transferable college credit are only required to take CHRI 3300, Introduction to Bible and Theology, to meet their Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Christianity requirements.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a "C" or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
CORE REQUIREMENTS		
MUSI 1322 and 1022	Theory I and Theory I Lab	3
MUSI 1323 and 1023	Theory II and Theory II Lab	3
MUSI 2322 and 2022	Theory III and Theory III Lab	3
MUSI 2323 and 2023	Theory IV and Theory IV Lab	3
MUSI 2351 and 2352	Music History and Literature I and Music History and Literature II	6
MUSI 3341 and 3352	Music History and Literature III and Music History and Literature IV	6
	TOTAL MUSIC CORE	24
MAJOR APPLIED HOURS		
Primary	14 Primary Applied (6 must be upper level)	14
Secondary	3 Secondary Applied (piano required for vocalist, voice required for keyboardists)	3
	TOTAL APPLIED HOURS	17
COGNATE REQUIREMENTS (Skills, Literature, History, Pedagogy)		
MUED 2381	Foundations of Music Education	3
MUSI 1256 or MUSI 1257	English/Italian Diction or French/German Diction	2
MUSI 4355	Vocal Pedagogy	3
MUSI 3265	Choral Arranging	2
MUSI 3266	Conducting I	2
MUSI 3267	Conducting II	2
MUED 4382	Elementary Music Methods	3
MUED 4383	Secondary Music Methods	3
	TOTAL COGNATE REQUIREMENTS	20
TEACHER CERTIFICATION		
EDUC 2320	Learning and Development	3
EDSP 2302	Survey of Exceptional Children	3
EDUC 4302	Classroom Culture, Climate, and Safety	3
EDUC 4100	TEXAS State Certification Prep	1
EDUC 4306	Educational Applications of Technology	3
EDUC 4400	Clinical Teaching Seminar	4
EDUC 4800 or EDUC 4485 and EDUC 4495	Clinical Teaching or Clinical Teaching Experience I and Clinical Teaching Experience II	8
	TOTAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	21
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (See Department of Music Handbook for specific details)		
MUSI 0001	Forum/Recital Attendance (Enroll EVERY semester – must pass at least 6 hours, 4 if transfer)	0

MUSI 0002	Piano Proficiency (Must pass exam) Note: All music majors MUST be enrolled in Class Piano (MUSI 114X) until they register for and pass MUSI 0002 Piano Proficiency (up to 4 additional credit hours)	0
MUSI 0003	Sophomore Review (Must pass before earning 60 credit hours)	0
MUSI 1113 or 2111	Choral Ensembles (Enroll EVERY semester)	6-8
MUSI 3090	Performance Recital (Must be enrolled in Applied Lessons and until Recital is completed)	0
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	6-8
	TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR	88-90
	TOTAL HOURS IN DEGREE	131-133

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) points: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 points must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 points may be CLW-B earned through community life events).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) completed semester hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take a three-hour course, ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning, in place of FYS 1300.

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

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Processed by: _____ Date: _____

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

DATE