

Bachelor of Music (BM) in Piano Performance

2026-2027 Official Degree Plan



Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) Requirements

HCU's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum guides students to more fully know and make known:

- **God**, the Creator and Redeemer, as he has revealed Himself in his Son, by the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures and His World. *Core outcomes:* Biblical literacy ¹, Christian wisdom ², and theological proficiency ³.
- **God's Creation** by examining and engaging with the design, intricacy, and coherence of his world. *Core outcomes:* Scientific ⁴, quantitative ⁵, and aesthetic literacy ⁶.
- **Humans as God's Image Bearers** by investigating and celebrating human dignity, interdependence, and flourishing through their status as created, purposeful beings. *Core outcomes:* Investigation and celebration of human dignity ⁷, interdependence ⁸, and flourishing ⁹ through the cultivation of charity, humility, and verbal literacy.

For more information about the mission and philosophy of our Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, please visit the [Core Curriculum website](#).

COURSES	OUTCOMES	HOURS
CHRI 1301 Introduction to the Bible*	1 2 3 7 8 9	3
CHRI 2373 Christian Theology and Tradition*	1 2 3 7 9	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
Natural Science with Lab	2 4 5 6	4
MATH 1305 Math for Critical Thinking* (or higher) or PHIL 1305 Logic and Quantitative Reasoning*	2 4 5 6	3
ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation or NARR 1300 Narrative Arts: Fiction, Film, and Games (choose one)	2 6 8 9	3
ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I*	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II*	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 2315 Great Works of Literature I or ENGL 2325 Great Works of Literature II (choose one)	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	2 7 8 9	3
COMM 1323 Rhetoric & Public Speaking or CLAS 1434 Ancient Rhetoric for Modern People (choose one)	2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II, or HIST 2313 US History to 1877, or HIST 2323 US History from 1877 (choose one)	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	1 2 3 4 7 8 9	3
Total LACC Hours		43

* Course must be completed with "C" or higher

* Students transferring to HCU with 45 or more hours of transferrable college credit will take only CHRI 3300 Introduction to Bible and Theology ¹ ² ³ ⁷ ⁹ to meet their LACC Christianity requirements. This lowers the LACC requirement to 40 credit hours, but the student must still complete the total required hours for the degree.

Major Requirements

(all courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	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 Music History and Literature I	3
MUSI 2352 Music History and Literature II	3
MUSI 3351 Music History and Literature III	3
MUSI 3352 Music History and Literature IV	3
Total Music Core	24
Major Applied Hours	
MUSI 12K1, 32K1 Applied Piano hours (eight hours must be upper level)	16
MUSI 11K2, 12K2 Secondary Instrument hours (must be organ)	3
Total Applied Hours	19
Cognate Requirements (Skills, Literature, History, Pedagogy)	
MUSI 2112 Chamber Music Ensemble	2
MUSI 3140 Studio Accompanying (Four semesters total: one semester accompanying voice, one semester accompanying instrument, two semesters at the discretion of the supervising faculty member)	4
MUSI 3226 Conducting I	2
MUSI 3267 Conducting II	2
MUSI 3322 Theory V	3
MUSI 4300 Advanced Studies in Music	3
MUSI 4346 Piano Literature I	3
MUSI 4347 Piano Literature II	3
MUSI 4343 Piano Pedagogy	3
Total Cognate Requirements	25
Additional Requirements (See Department of Music Handbook for specific details)	
MUSI 0001 Forum/Recital Attendance (enroll every semester; must pass at least six semesters or four if transfer)	0
MUSI 0002 Piano Proficiency (Must pass exam) Note: Keyboard Majors who do not pass the piano proficiency during their audition MUST register for MUSI 0002 prior to their Performance Recital. If the Keyboard Major does not pass the piano proficiency, he or she must enroll in MUSI 1146 (Class Piano IV) and MUSI 0002 the following semester.	0
MUSI 0003 Sophomore Review (must pass before earning 60 credit hours)	0
MUSI 1113, 2111, 1111 Ensembles (Must enroll EVERY semester. Lower number for transfer students only.)	4-8

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MUSI 3090 Performance Recital	0
MUSI 4090 Senior Recital	0
Total Additional Requirements	4-8
Total Major Hours	72-76
Elective Hours Required	1-5
Total Hours in Degree	120

Additional Graduation Requirements

- At least 120 total credit hours, including 30 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events). CLW events offered each semester are listed on the [Spiritual Life CLW website](#).
- FYS 1300 Freshman Year Seminar is required for all students enrolling at HCU with fewer than thirty (30) credit hours. College credit earned prior to high school graduation (e.g., dual credit) does not count toward the 30-hour requirement. Students enrolled in 100% online degree programs will take ONLN 1300 Introduction to Online Learning in place of FYS 1300.
- At least 30 credit hours or 25 percent of the total credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (whichever is greater) must be earned at HCU, including at least 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major or as noted on the degree plan.
- Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 credit hours may be transferred from another institution. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.

Filing a Degree Plan

All undergraduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the time they complete 64 credit hours. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. If seeking a double degree, double major, minor, or certificate, an official degree plan must be filed for each program of study. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through HuskyNet at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

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 Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

Office of Academic Records Use Only

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